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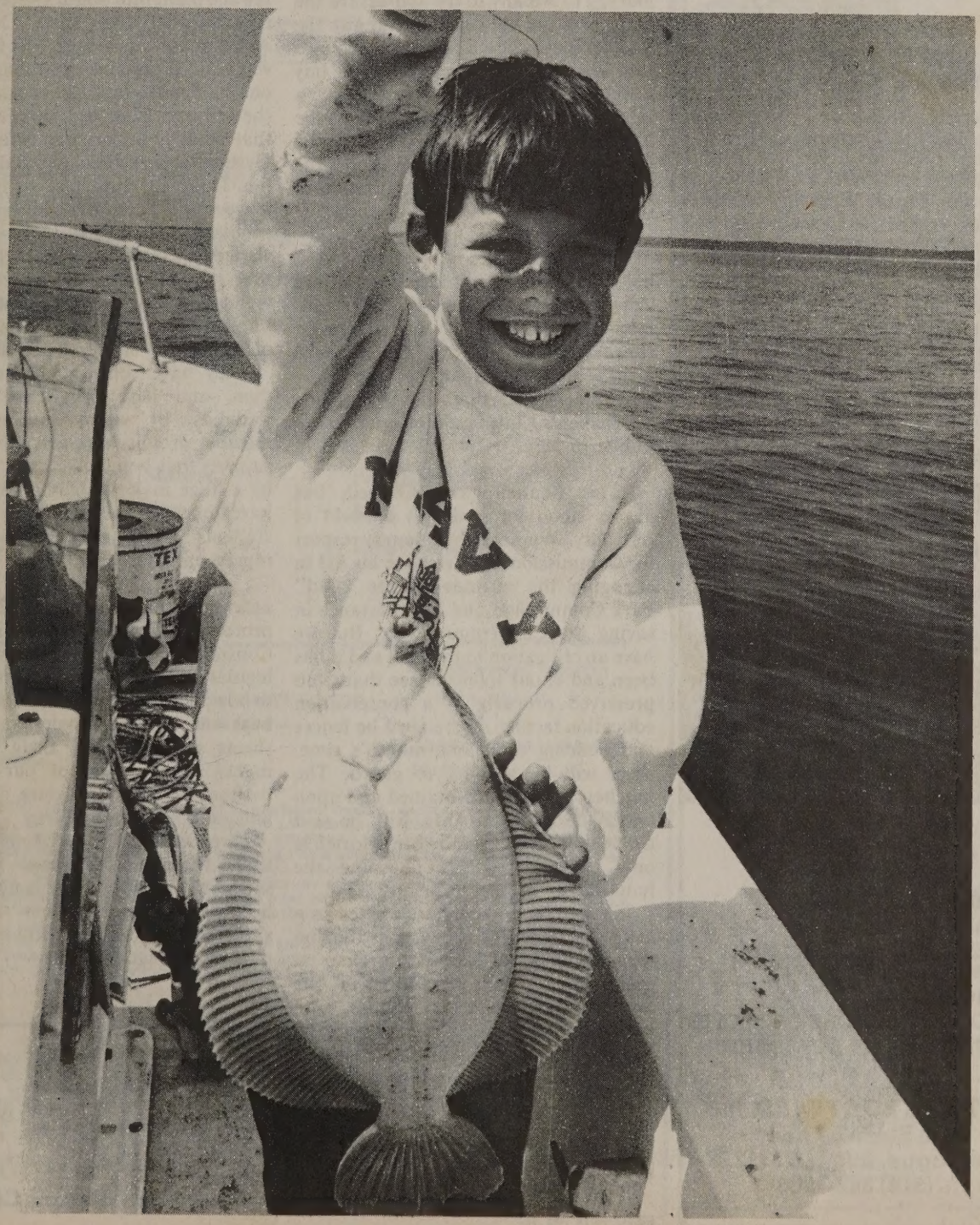

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The following are excerpts taken from the May, 1973 newsletter of the Suffolk County Conservation Council:

"At 6:15 on the morning of April 25th, six members of your Suffolk Co. Conservation Council stepped into Bob Van Dyk's car and started the long journey to Albany to try and assure the passage of the bill which would give the former South Side Sportsmen's Club a new lease on life. The trip was to buy time - time for proper surveys, time to raise money for fencing and policing the 3,500 acre Club and money to keep the Club hatchery, almost three times the size of Cold Spring Harbor running to stock our streams with trout."

"Then, on Saturday morning, like a bolt out of the blue, came the newspaper announcement that commissioner Alexander Aldrich stated there would be no more lease arrangements with any of our N.Y. State Parks and that the South Side Sportsmen's Club would be open to the public in July."

"This Council, your Council, has always stood for sanity in a world of unreality. We have the greatest respect for Commissioner Aldrich for his aid in changing the attitude of the "Old" Park Commission and his assistance in saving the Connetquot River. But we have an obligation to the land and it has been and is our intent to see that Club preserved properly as a conservation education facility. There must be fences and policing or in one month's time, there will be nothing to guard. The hatchery must be maintained and upon telephone inquiry to Mr. Bill, he said the $68,000 requested by Mr. Aldrich is only for salarys - not keeping the hatchery or protection of any kind.

If the Club members are evicted in a little less than five weeks, and they no longer spend the $200,000 a year on maintainence and protection of the Southside Sportsmen's Club - we hereby serve notice:

This organization will take whatever legal action its Board seems necessary to stop that Club and every other piece of fine land in the same untenable situation from being destroyed by irresponsible utilization.

If we can't save the best - we can't save any of it.

We will be in touch with you shortly."

Action must be taken now! To find out how you can help, contact: Suffolk County Conservation Council, P.O. Box 86, East Islip, New York 11730.

SOS 2nd Anniversary

On May 14, 1971, a group of people joined in opposition to the plan to dump the effluent from the Wantagh sewage plant into South Oyster Bay. On that night, the Save Our Bays Association was created. The first battle was won: a pipeline extending two and one half miles into the ocean carrying the effluent from the sewage plant to that point is under constrution. South Oyster Bay has been granted a longer life. Dumping effluent into the ocean, however, is not the answer to the problem. Recycling of the waste water via tertiary treatment and recharge into the ground is, and hopefully the technology capable of handling the huge amount of effluent generated by our area will be developed shortyly.

They have come a long way since then, and have fought to preserve wetlands by many means: Their member groups were actively urged to support that bond which was approved by a huge majority of the voters; they have gone into the schools to make the students aware and informed; their representatives have gone into the

attended hearings to plead for protection of our marine environment; Constant correspondence with our legislators at all levels has alerted them to how they can best work to protect our bays and shores; Newsletters and fact sheets sent to fellow Long Islanders makes them aware of our precious heritage which only nature can create and only man can destroy.

Save Our Bays Association wishes to thank the many fine people who have supported them by their contributions, by their assistance in distributing fact sheets, newsletters and petitions, and by their encouragement.

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A happy young fisherman - Bobby Correll of Stony Brook with his first snowshoe from Gardiner's Bay. Photo by Al Ristori. (See page 6.)

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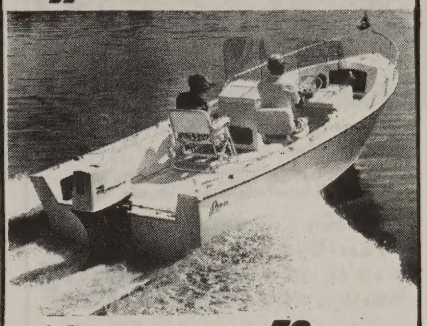

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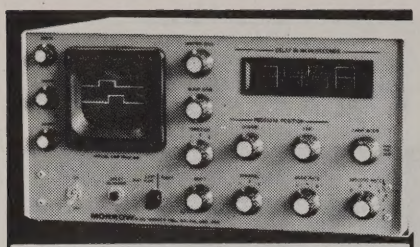

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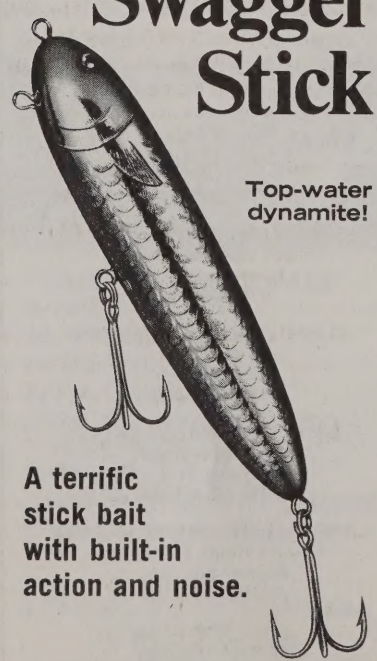

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A.E.C. Expert Links Hudson River Power Plants To Declining Fishery

"Operation of power plants on the Hudson may be a contributing cause to the decline in New York State commercial fishery landings, said Dr. C. Philip Goodyear, addressing a recent Striped Bass Fund dinner. Dr. Goodyear, A.E.C. Expert Witness in recent hearings on the operating license for Indian Point #2, Con Ed's nuclear plant on the Hudson, told the gathering, "Operation of the plants in the area of spawning grounds increases the mortality of the larvae and juvenile fish. That effect is compounded when it is carried over a generation."

"The operation of the plants that are presently on the Hudson could account for a 142 decline . . ., Dr. Goodyear continued. "Eggs and larvae are vulnerable to being withdrawn with water used to cool condensers. It is very likely that a large portion of those withdrawn are actually killed."

Dr. Goodyear emphasized the value of tagging and recovery to evaluate migratory populations. He stated that 80% of the striped bass landings in the Middle Atlantic region are Hudson River fish, pointing out that of 28,000 or more fish tagged in the Chesapeake, 7,000 were recaptured and reported, and of these, 11 were taken outside of the Bay, and further that a substantial portion of those tagged were 2-year olds yet only 2 or 3 were taken outside of the Bay. 2-year old Hudson River fish, on the other hand, are taken in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and even Jew England waters.

Dr. Goodyear's remarks included the opinion that the loss of Hudson River striper spawning grounds could cause an 80% reduction in their numbers on the coast, affecting New England waters in somewhat diminishing magnitude.

He stated that additional mortality of the East Coast striper population is critical since the ultimate effect doesn't show up for six years and fishing intensity is increasing. In the conclusion of his remarks, Dr. Goodyear said, "The thing likely to happen is that once the population declines, fishing intensity will also decline. There will be fewer fishermen because there are fewer fish to catch."

Al Reinfelder, President of the Striped Bass Fund, in his summation, described the Fund as ". . . an organization taking every available avenue to obtain real change. The Fund seeks to apply the leverage which the Hudson River Fisherman's Association and Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference have established on the Hudson River to the other rivers, estuaries and marine habitats from South Carolina to Maine and from San Francisco Bay to Coos Bay . . . everywhere the natural habitat of the striped bass is threatened."

For further information, please phone Rod Vandivert (516) 587-3811.

1973 Rhode Island Fishing Tournaments

June-October - Monthly Striped Bass Tournament sponsored by Radio Station WADK: fish must be verified at J.T. O'Connell Store, 364 Thames St., Newport.

June 9-10 - 11th Annual Waterbury Deep Sea Fishing Club Codfish Tournament, Galilee.

July 6-8 - 3rd Annual Roger Williams Striped Bass & Bluefish Tournament: Town Dock, Wickford.

July 9 - R..I. "Who" Spearfishing Meet: 11 a.m.: Beavertail Point, Jamestown.

July 12-14 - 4th Annual Block Island Billfish Invitational Tournament: Champlin's Marina & Block Island Marina, New Harbor, Block Island.

July 15 - 5th Annual R.I. League of Anglers Youth Fishing Tournament: for information, E. Marietti, Shippee Cove Road, Coventry, R.I. 02816.

July 15 - Newport Underwater Sportsmen Open Spearfishing Contest: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Brenton Point, Newport.

August 1-28 - Rhode Island Tuna Tournament Rodeo, Gaililee.

August 10 - 13 - Hi Neighbor Pt. Judith Striped Bass & Bluefish Tournament, Galilee.

August 11-13 - 3rd Annual County-Wide Fishing Contest for Youth: under 16 years of age: sponsored by Junior Division, Newport County Salt Water Fishing Club, Aquidneck Island.

August 11-13 - Roger Williams Billfish & Shark Tournament: 8 a.m.: Galilee.

August 24-26 - 2nd Annual Pawtuxet Cove Bluefish Tournament: Carl's Pawtuxet Cove Marina, Cranston.

August 29-31 - Rhode Island Tuna Tournament "Chum Up", Galilee.

September 1-3 - 16th Annual Rhode Island Tuna Tournament: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Galilee.

October 5-7 - Rhody Fly Rodders 6th Annual Invitational Fly Rod Striper Seminar, Newport.

October 6-14 - 11th Annual Rhode Island Striper Tournament: Port O'Call Marina, Newport.

October 19-21 - 7th Annual Tri-State Striped Bass Tournament: Galilee.

For further information contact: Fishing Editor, Rhode Island Development Council, Roger Williams Building, Hayes Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02908.

RALLY AT SHELTER ISLAND

Fly rod fishing in the briney often mystifies the beginner, and lack of good tutoring may be the reason why more fishermen don't add this exciting dimension to their fishing bag of tricks.

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May 19: Flounder Fishing.
May 26: Blackfish Fishing.
June 2: How To Catch, Clean & Prepare Blowfish & Eels.
June 9: Fluke Fishing.
June 30: Bay Fishing for "Weaks" and "Kings."
July 7: "Pest" Fishes and What You Should Know About Them.
July 14: Natural Marine Baits - Part I.
July 21: Natural Marine Baits - Part II.
Aug. 11: Bluefish and "Snapper" Fishing.
Aug. 18: Surf Fishing - Part I.
Aug. 25: Surf Fishing - Part II.
Sept. 1: Striped Bass Fishing.

MORE TROUT STOCKED

According to Al Kellar of the Conservation Department, there was an additional stocking of trout as of April 30th. Carlls River got 390 browns and 360 brook trout. Laurel Lake received 780 brown trout. Wildwood Lake received 780 brown trout and the Nissequogue River received 1,560 brown trout.

CLUB NEWS

The Tournament Anglers of Bellmore held their 4th Annual Flounder Contest for wives and children of all our members Sunday, May 6th. The results are as follows:

Girls
1. Julie Signoriello - 1 lb 2 oz
2. Toni Masone - 15½ oz.
3. Suzan Conry - 14 oz.

Boys
1. Bob Carter - 1 lb. 2 oz.
2. Joe Mason, Jr. - 15½ oz.
3. Eddie Radansky, Jr. - 14¾ oz.

Women
1. Shirley Carter - 1 lb. 14 oz.
2. Carmella Masone - 1 lb. 4 oz.
3. Mary Descisceolo - 1 lb. 2 oz.

On Sunday, April 29, twelve members and guests of the Tri-County Sportsman's Club sailed on the Captree open boat, "Capt. Richie". They started off their flounder season with a good catch of fish running to 1½ lbs. First place in the boat pool went to club member Carmine Amatucci, and second place to the club President, Roy Keiper.

The annual dinner-dance of the High Hill Striper Club was held on March 24, 1973 at the Olympic Lodge in Brentwood.

Trophies for the largest fish were awarded to Fred Schwab for his 46 lb. 2 oz. striped bass, and to Jack Frech for a 12 lb. 4 oz. bluefish. Both fish were caught in the surf.

The club is looking for a few more surf fishermen as members. Interested parties may contact: Barry Bergman at (516) MO 9-2426, or Bill Young at (516) 798-2585.

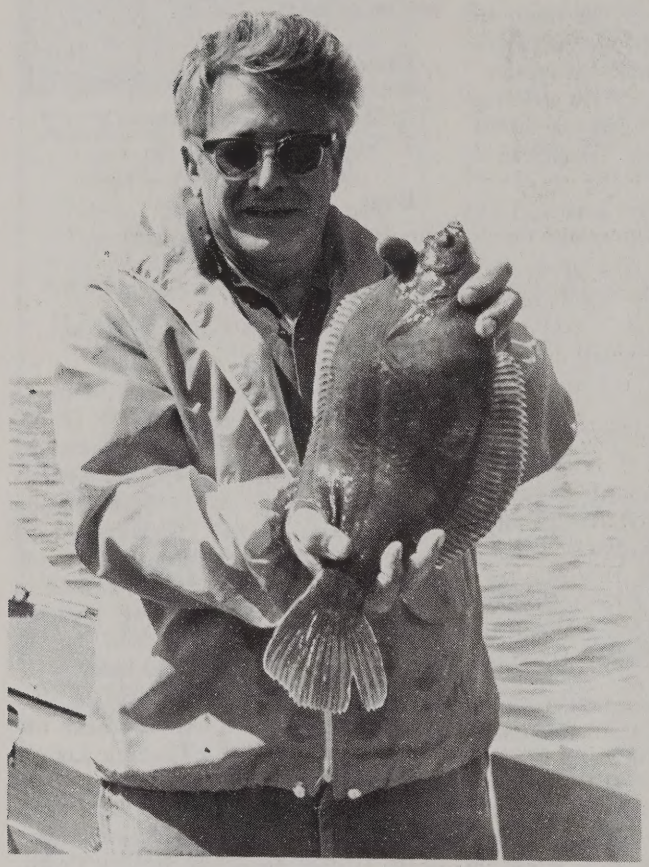
On April 19th, the Great South Beach Mobile Sportfishermen held their annual elections. Elected were: Jack Skolnick, President; Robert Stogdale, First Vice President; and Charles Veith, Second Vice President.

Five new directors were also elected to the board. They are: James Watson, Richard McDermed, Charles Van Valkenburgh, George Sieber and James Hoolan.

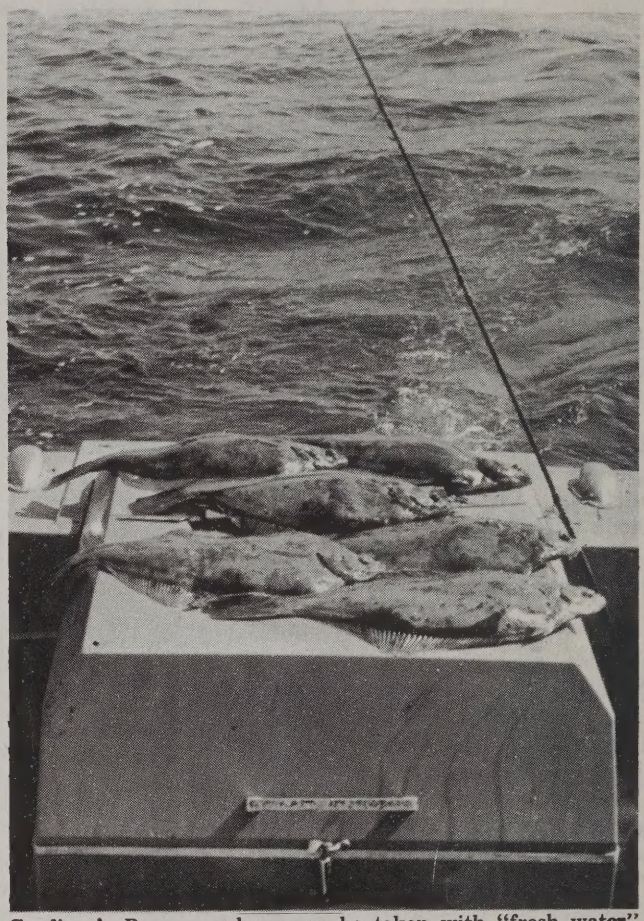
The Chummers Fishing Club, 25 Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11222, had an election of officers on May 6, 1973. The new slate is as follows:

President - Al Koran
Vice Pres. - Rovert Hebstrom
Treas. - Gene Gotlewski
Secretary - Walter Gurechi, Jr.

A TIME FOR SNOWSHOES



Bob Kaplan of Merrick with a nice Gardiner's Bay snowshoe.



Gardiner's Bay snowshoes can be taken with "fresh water" spinning tackle.

by Al Ristori

Week after week this magazine is filled with the exploits of masterful anglers wreaking havoc upon the lordly striped bass and bluefish. There's nothing unusual about this. Read any other magazine emphasizing salt water fishing and you'll find the same thing. Without a doubt, stripers and blues are the glamour fish of the northeast.

As a result of this deification, most anglers have come to feel that in order to be a master angler, one must be an expert bass fisherman. Personally, I feel it's time to put that idea to rest. I've gone the cycle myself from bottom bouncer to striper addict, and looking back at it now I realize that it takes just as much skill to be a first-class bottom fisherman as a striper pro. In fact, there are far fewer of the former than of the latter!

Just as with the striper expert, the bottom specialist seeks the biggest of the species. Instead of the 50-lb. bass that separates the men from the boys in bass fishing, the bottom fisherman longs for the 5-lb. flounder or the 10-lb. fluke. Despite my many years of bottom fishing, I can't fail but be impressed by true expertise in this field, and among private boatmen I know of none better than Judd York and Frank Lovello.

These men are flounder experts not for lack of anything better to do, but by choice. Judd is co-owner of the 40' "Compass Rose III," and has caught everything swimming in our waters up to giant tuna. Frank has caught more stripers than he cares to remember but ignores them now because he considers them "too easy to catch." Judd and Frank fish flounders because they consider them a real challenge.

In order to find bragging-size flounders, it's necessary to fish eastern Long Island waters (or go even further north). Big flounders, popularly known as snowshoes, are found in Peconic Bay by mid-April, but the best of the fishing occurs in the waters of Gardiner's Bay and around Montauk during May. Another population at Block Island appears in March and becomes more active as the water warms.

Judd and Frank run their Boston Whaler Outrage out of Montauk for the spring flounder season. From there they can race to the best fishing area whether it be Gardiner's Island to the west, Montauk Point to the east, or even to Block Island. Last year, early in May, I accompanied Judd and Frank on one of their trips to learn the secret of their consistent success. Some pretty good anglers often run into bad luck flounder fishing out east, but Judd and Frank never seem to fail.

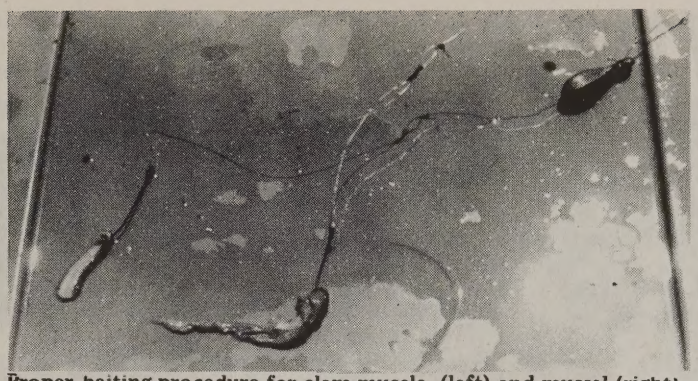
Other anglers were out on the water before we even started. A bushel of mussels had to be opened, and this was done in the motel room. A bucket of water was brought to boiling and then taken off the heat. The mussels were dropped in for just a moment and then the water was poured off. This served to open the mussels without cooking them. Stil, it took a half hour to transfer the mussels to jars where they would be

ready for bait.

Loading the boat also took some time. The key ingredient was a large Igloo Cooler filled with quart milk containers holding frozen chum. When we anchored off the Point, these logs of ground skimmer clam were transferred to chum pots and soon had flounders in the 1 - 1½-lb class coming to our hooks with reasonable regularity in 20' of water. It seemed pretty good to me, but my hosts were dissatisfied. We pulled anchor and moved to 37' depths.

Almost immediately the chum pots brought the fish to us. The tide was fairly slack now and most boats were doing well with the fish, but as soon as the tide started running, the situation changed. While neighboring boats looked on in envy, we continued to catch flounders as fast as we could lower our lines to the bottom, and the fish got bigger as the tide became stronger.

The frequently replenished chum pots made the difference. Heavily weighted to stay on bottom in the strong tide, they were so effective that it was almost impossible to get a hit unless you dropped your sinker alongside. Despite the strong tide we used relatively light tackle. In fact, this is one of the secrets to Judd's and Frank's success. Instead of heavy boat rods and reels, they use Ambassadeur 6000 reels and light rods with 15-lb mono. With such tackle they are able to hold bottom with relatively light sinkers and still feel the lightest taps on their lines.



Proper baiting procedure for clam muscle (left) and mussel (right).

We caught at least 150 flounders before the day was over, but my hosts were upset because we hadn't found any 4-pounders. Indeed, perhaps a third of the catch was released because the fish weren't of filleting size. However, we'd caught more 2 - 3 pound flounders than I'd ever seen before (plus a number of 3 - 5 pound cod and pollack and a scattering of skates, hackleheads and sea robins), and on a day when most anglers reported poor catches.

The average angler, seeing this catch, would be inclined to ascribe it to "good luck" or being in "the right spot". Actually, neither had anything to do with it. Success was a matter of hours spent grinding and freezing chum, getting properly equipped, and paying proper attention to detail. That's why I insist that to be an expert bottom fisherman you must have as thorough a knowledge of the species sought as the striper pro does, and at least as much determination. Those snowshoes don't just jump into the boats of the unknowing. This year seek them with the same perseverance that you'd apply to stripers and find out how good you are!

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MACKERAL FOR SPORT, FOOD OR BAIT

When mackerel are running well it doesn't take long to fill up a plastic garbage pail or potato sack with the tasty fish.

by Vlad Evanoff

The mackerel have been in now for their spring run for some time, and the wise angler will get in some fishing for them before they move up the line to colder New England and Canadian waters for the summer months.

Your best bet to get in on the fast action that the mackerel provide during the spring run is to go out on one of the party boats which leave from Long Island and New Jersey ports unless, of course, you have a boat of your own big enough to run offshore the distance required to reach the big migrating schools of macks during this time of year. Later on in the season the smaller mackerel move in closer to shore where they can be caught from jetties, piers and small boats, but during the first run you usually have to go a few miles offshore to get into them.

Party boat anglers use anything from heavy cod rods to light spinning rods. The fellows who use the heavier rods are usually after big catches of mackerel rather than sport. They generally use the multiple hook rigs with a Diamond jig tied to the end, and several tiny, plastic tube lures tied above the jig. These are usually white, yellow or pink in color. Other anglers like to use small hoods with bucktail or feathers instead of the tube lures. With such rigs you can often hook two or three mackerel at a time and fill a potato sack in short order. To me this is more of a "meat" fishing deal, so I prefer to get them one at a time on a light outfit: I'll end up with fewer fish but more sport.

The one-handed spinning rod, or a light two-handed spinning rod filled with 8 or 10 lb test line, provides such sport. Here you merely tie one small Diamond jig or a spoon or tiny metal squid to the end, then lower it into the water and start jigging it up and down. Mackerel are usually brought up to the boat with bunker chum and may be hooked anywhere from just below the surface down to 30 or 40 feet, so try different levels until you discover the depth at which they are hitting.

Another technique to use with a light spinning outfit is to cast your lure some distance from the boat, into the chum slick, and then work it back fairly fast with plenty of rod action. You often catch bigger mackerel out there rather than right near the boat.

On other days you may see mackerel milling around just below the surface under the boat but they won't hit the lure too readily. At such times you can try a tiny piece of natural bait such as squid, clam, or a strip of fish. A strip from the belly of a mackerel or a bunker heart also make good bait. You don't have to use the expensive bunker chum all day to keep mackerel

near the boat. Bring along just one can, and once you have the macks under the boat you can use substitutes for chum such as ground herring, spearing, shiners or even the mackerel, themselves. If you run completely out of bunker chum you can cut up the mackerel already caught into tiny pieces and throw these out for chum.

As mentioned earlier, most of the mackerel you catch offshore will be the big "Boston" mackerel up and down the Rockaway Point Breakwater in June, when schools of these fish came in to chase small baitfish. In Maine I often catch big mackerel right from shore, even during the summer months.

Also up in Maine, they don't do much chumming for mackerel but rely on trolling, casting or still fishing. Here again you can troll rigs with just a single spoon, metal squid, Diamond jig or tube, or use several such lures on the same line to catch two or three fish at a time.

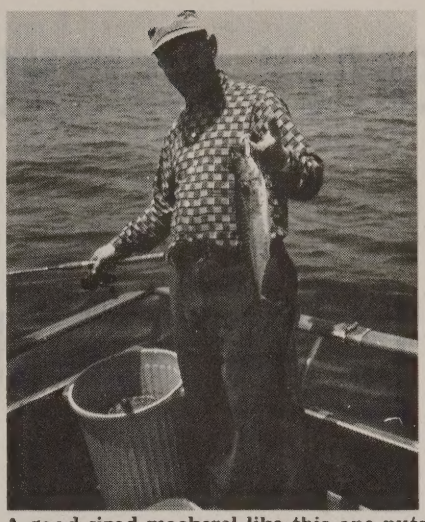
Mackerel, of course, are a great food fish and offer prime eating fare, especially these days with the high price of meat. They are somewhat oily, and while you can freeze them for future use they don't keep as long as other fish. You can also smoke a big mess of mackerel; prepared this way they are a gourmet's delight! But there's nothing wrong with fresh mackerel, cleaned and broiled with butter and lemon and eaten piping-hot. I also like them filleted, rolled in cracker meal or corn meal, then baked in an oven.

Instead of eating all the mackerel you catch try using them for bait. Mackerel, both fresh and salted, have been used for ages for bottom fishing. They still make good bait this way and can be cut into chunks or strips and used with a bottom rig for bluefish, striped bass, weakfish, cod and other fish.

Dead, whole mackerel can also be rigged with one or two big hooks and used to catch giant tuna, swordfish, marlin and sharks. The backbones are often removed from the mackerel to give them more life and action when trolled. You can also troll several mackerel in a "daisy" chain fashion as teasers, with the last mackerel on the end with a hook in it. Or instead of a mackerel stinger, you can add a herring or squid with a hook on the end for bait. Such trolling is often done in New England waters.

You can also chum from an anchored or drifting boat with bunker, and let out a whole dead mackerel into the bunker slick for tuna, marlin and sharks. Live mackerel can also be hooked through the back and let out in the chum slick.

In recent years striped bass anglers have discovered that a live mackerel fished from a boat or shore or a jetty makes a great bait for these fish, especially if mackerel are already present in the area, and stripers are feeding on them.



A good sized mackerel like this one puts up a good fight, especially on a light, one-handed spinning outfit.

Usually it is no problem to catch some mackerel for bait with a rod, but it is a chore to keep them alive any length of time. You need big tanks with water constantly circulating or otherwise well-aerated to keep them alive. You can use an ordinary plastic garbage can to keep a few mackerel alive while fishing on the boat, but you'll have to

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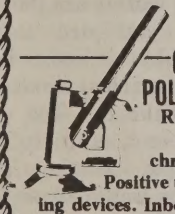

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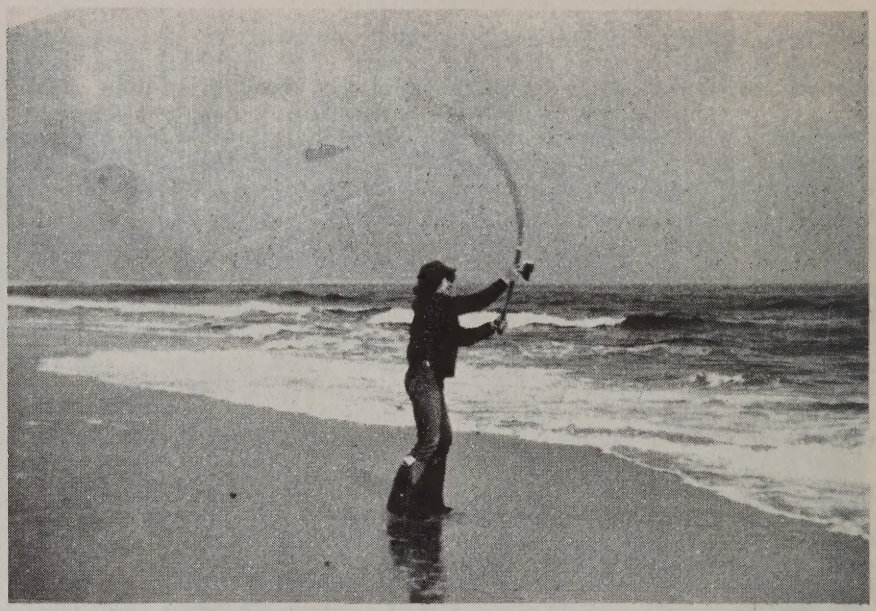


After loosening up a little bit in the North Shore bays, it sure feels good to get out in the true surf in the hopes of bagging a few bass. One spot really stands out for its production of early surf run bass: Cedar Beach. As the month of May progresses, this stretch of clean, sandy beach produces some exceptional catches of bass. It is usually here that the avid surfcaster works off the "winter wearies," and catches a few fish to boot.

Cedar Beach is part of the town of Babylon and is located east of Jones and Gilgo Beaches. Gaining access to Cedar Beach provides no problem before Memorial Day. As you drive eastward on Ocean Parkway, you will find Cedar Beach after you pass Gilgo. The first building marks the sight of Cedar Beach proper, while the eastern building is Cedar Beach Overlook. You can park your car in the Overlook parking lot. After Memorial Day, only residents of Babylon have access to Cedar Beach parking facilities.

This beach is worth looking into as early as the first week of April. In the early part of the season, this area is fished primarily by bait fishermen. As the season progresses and the waters warm, certain artificial lures can be used to good advantage. Since you'll be casting sinkers in the 2 to 4 ounce range, a fairly stiff rod will be required to handle the weight. Any sort of medium action rod from 8 feet in length and up will suffice. A spinning reel to match the rod creates the acceptable outfit. I would recommend monofilament line in the 15 to 20 pound test range; there is no need to go heavier. Although spinning tackle predominates on the scene today, a number of surfcasters still prefer conventional casting tackle.

In the bait deparment, bloodworms get the nod over sandworms, but either one can be used effectively. I favor bloodworms because they stay on the hook better than the fragile sandworms.

It has lately become extremely difficult to find bloodworms of more than seven inches. The anemic specimens they sell in the bait shops, if you can get them at all, are useless as bass bait. Sandworms can be used effectively, but care must be taken when handling them. The only other bait that I have seen take fish is the skimmer clam. Freshly shucked skimmers are preferred over the frozen variety.

There are probably as many different rigs used at Cedar Beach as there are surfcasters. Everyone has his own special rig that he prefers to use. I have found two rigs to be fairly successful; the first is the fish finder rig, and the other is simply a long, leadered hook tied to the mono about a foot above the sinker. You can modify either of these rigs to suit your own preferences.

The fish-finder rig is rather easily assembled. (See sketch #1.) First select an Eagle Claw hook in sizes 1/0 to 3/0, then snell a 15" leader of 20 pound test monofilament to the hook. Slip your casting line through one loop eye of a barrel swivel, and connect the snell and the line with a smaller barrel swivel. The second swivel will prevent the hook and leader from sliding through the first swivel-eye. Tie your pyramid sinker to the eye of the only free swivel remaining, and you now have the rig ready to go.

Some people favor the addition of a small cork to keep the bait off the bottom, but this isn't necessary unless you are being plagued by crabs.

The other rig is also fairly easy to make. Take the same type hook and snell it to a 15 to 20 inch long leader of 30 pound test material. Make a loop at the other end of the leader, and 8 to 10 inches above where you plan to secure the sinker, make a loop in the main line, then attach the hook and leader to the loop. (See sketch #2.) Pull the entire thing taut. The hook and leader should stand away from the line itself. You can experiment with this rig by lengthening or shortening the leader, or by raising and lowering where you attach the looped end of the leader.

Now that you have the terminal gear set up, you're ready to tackle the fish. One last important step deals with the manner in which the worms are placed on the hook. If you are using bloodworms, the problem is not as bad as with the sandworms. Select two long, thick bloodworms. Take the first one and force about an inch of it up the shank of the hook, leaving the remainder of the worm trailing from the hook. Do the same thing to the second worm. In this manner, you will have most of the worms trailing off the hook, and you can cast the entire rig without too much fear of snapping off the worms.

Sandworms are put on the hook in an entirely different manner. Again, select two nice specimens. Take the first worm and force it up the shank of the hook and pass it over the eye of the hook onto the leader material. Force the sandworm up the shank of the hook and stop just short of the eye. When rigged properly, you will have one worm on the leader, and the other worm or

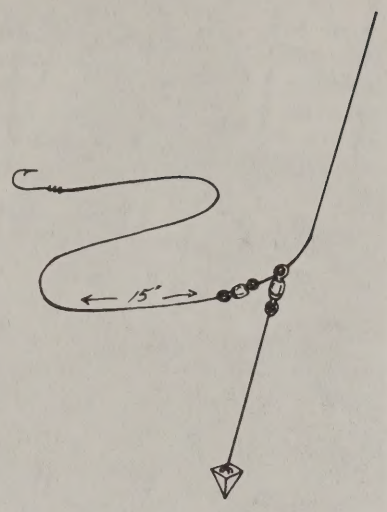
the hook with only an inch of the worm's tail trailing. This is about the safest way of keeping sandworms on the hook so they're not lost while casting.

Unless you are familiar with the area around Cedar Beach or have fished it before, you are apt to be confused as to exactly where to fish. The most eastern section, where you parked your car, is known as The Overlook. To the left of you is the famous Sore Thumb, and Fire Island Inlet. You can spike your rod or rods (if there are other fishermen around, keep it to a maximum of two rods) right out in front of The Overlook. Better still is the area to the right of The Overlook, Cedar Beach proper; there are several bars that are fairly close to the beach. Look for the breakers and the white water out from the beach. The line of white water indicates a sand bar.* Cast your rigs as closely as possible to the bars.

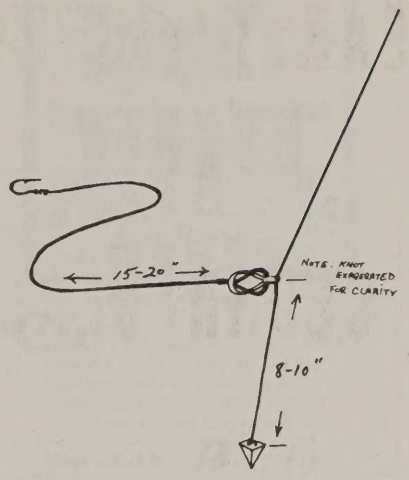
To the right of this area is a large stretch of beach that is somewhat indented. This spot is also a worthwhile place to try. An early season expedition this spring has shown that Cedar Beach suffered a great deal of erosion. Many of the South Shore beaches have also had the same problem. How this will affect the fishing remains to be seen, but since the bar formations were pretty much the same as last year's, I suspect that there will be no serious alterations in the fishing.

Although I have caught all my bass on worms, certain artificial lures can be tried if bait fishing draws a blank. The most commonly used lure is the big Hopkins lure that is bounced very slowly along the bottom. I suspect that a large bucktail jig worked slowly on the bottom will be a real "sleeper." Even if you don't get hit on your lure, it's fun to exercise your casting arm a little.

The most favorable conditions at Cedar Beach tend to vary a little bit. The ebb tide is perhaps the best tide to fish. As Great South Bay pours forth its abundant supply of bait, Cedar is the first place it passes. At this time of the year, the prevailing wind is from the North, but so long as the wind is not too strong for a prolonged period of time the fishing should not be seriously effected. Although we don't usually get it, a mild southerly, especially from the southwest, is a good wind to fish under. A strong blow from any other direction tends to upset the ideal fishing conditions. The ebb tide is the preferred tidal stage, but don't overlook the last part of the incoming tide, and if the ebb coincides with either dawn or dusk you have a fair chance of getting into fish.



Sketch No. 1. Basic fish-finder rig.



Sketch No. 2. Simple bottom-fishing rig.

By the middle of May, the Hudson River fish move down and spread out along the North Shore bays and into their summer haunts along the other South Shore beaches. However, since it is Cedar Beach that usually produces the first South Shore surf bass (the possible exception to this is at Malibu Beach), you should give this area your full attention at this time of the year. Even if you come up skunked, the reward of being out in the clean ocean air and having the solitude of the beach to yourself is more than enough.

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BUCKEY FEVER

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"Doc" Hayek's sons - George & Gabriel - pose with two buckey caught bass.

An herring is an herring is an herring - - - by any other name it still smells like an herring; and that other name is "Buckey", which is the colloquial term for herring or alewives. In Rhode Island, and possibly in other localities, any fisherman who doesn't know what a buckey is must be classified as either a newcomer to the fishing game, or an occasional fisherman.

The thought of catching big striped bass with buckeys gives me a fevered excitement, bringing to my mind one of my earlier fishing experiences with live herring (or more accurately speaking, alevives). This experience stands out in my memory so clearly because of the perfect excitement of that day rather than in the measured number of fish.

Knowing I wanted to be at my chosen fishing spot in the Point Judith Salt Pond by first light I set my alarm clock for two o'clock in the morning and crawled into bed at nine o'clock, far earlier than I would normally go to sleep. I tossed and turned for over two hours before getting out of bed for a snack, hoping it would help me fall asleep. While eating, I thought about my excitement and recalled how similar it was to a child's expectations on Christmas Eve; instead of having visions of sugarplums dancing in my head, I had visions of standing knee deep in striped bass.

After finishing my snack and brushing my teeth for the second time, I again slid under the bed covers. Sleep still evaded me, so I tried counting everything from sheep to buckeys to bass. I had no idea how long it was before I dozed off, but it did seem as if only minutes passed when the alarm went off. The temptation to go back to sleep was strong. Remembering why I wanted to get up so early, I quickly jumped out of bed, dressed with great haste, grabbed my pre-packed thermos of coffee and sandwiches and ran out of the house to my vehicle, where my fishing gear had been stowed from the night before. After twenty minutes of driving, I reached The Gilbert Stuart Stream where I would net my supply of live buckeys.

After netting about three dozen alewives and placing them in a twenty gallon container outfitted with an aerator to keep them alive, I quickly drove to my pre-arranged spot where I transferred the live bait to a round, plastic laundry basket that was tied under an inflated inner tube. The openings in the side of the basket allowed water to flow in and out, thereby keeping freshly aerated water in contact with the buckeys. They would soon die otherwise. The inner tube kept the basket floating, and by tying a short line from this rig to a rock, the basket was kept from floating away. I grabbed a buckey from my homemade live bait well and, using a 7/0 claw type hook snelled to a three foot leader of thirty pound test monofilament, shoved the hook through its back, just below the dorsal fin. The bait was lobbed-out as far as possible. The buckey kept swimming back toward the shallow water of the pond's edge, where he seemed to know a striper could not seek and follow him. After several attempts, the buckey finally remained in deeper water. Having waited for nearly an hour, watching the buckey arc back and forth from left to right, over and over again, I began to get bored.

My eyes wandered from the swimming buckey and began to take in the beauty and quiet of this tidal flat. I felt very relaxed and contented with my lot: All worldly problems were forgotten. My mind soared and I was no longer paying any attention to the swimming baitfish. Suddenly, the buckey started skittering upon the water's surface and the noise it created broke the morning's silence, thereby arousing me from my daydreaming. Its frantic swimming - first in one direction and then in the other - told me that a striped bass was lurking in the area. If the buckey continued making a commotion I knew that eventually it would attract the bass. The bait continued its activity on the surface, skittering with part of its body out of the water and showing his dorsal fin and tail. Time seemed suspended, and my heart was in my throat in anticipation of the strike.

Suddenly a large tail broke the surface and slapped at the buckey. Panic set in, and the alewife took off with a burst of speed. Before it moved four or five feet, the water exploded. The monofilament line was pulled out from between my left forefinger and thumb, where I had been holding it while the bail was kept open, with quick force. A striped bass had accepted the invitation and was moving through the water with the bait in its mouth.

Line continued to uncoil from my open reel while I waited for the bass to stop, turn the bait around, swallow it and start off on its second run before I set the hook. The striper kept moving in a straight line for the longest time and,

looking down, I noticed that two thirds of the monofilament had been emptied from my spool. I knew that if the bass didn't stop soon I would have to set the hook, with the hope that it had turned the buckey around and swallowed it while it was on the run.

The monofilament line stopped uncoiling and I could do nothing but wait until the bass made the next move. Hearing a voice, I looked across to the opposite bank of this narrow stretch of the pond and saw another fisherman who had apparently been watching me. I shouted back,"I hope he didn't drop the bait," and continued to wait patiently. Each second seemed more like an hour, but I knew that the difference between success and failure at that moment often depended on patience. Without warning, line began to peel out again.

I pointed my rod tip toward the horizon, turned my reel handle to trip the bail, and followed through by stepping backward several steps while simultaneously setting back smartly with the rod to set the hook. I could almost feel the sudden force jerk the bass's head to the side. Within seconds, the fish rose to the top, where it broke the surface with a violent explosion. After thrashing about on the surface for a few moments the striper went to the bottom of the pond, and refused to budge.

I kept my rod bowed for at least five minutes before the continued pressure irritated my quarry enough to come back topside. Again there was a tremendous explosion on the surface as the bass came up, and again it went back down to hug the bottom. Twice more this was repeated before I could gain any line back on my spool. By the time I got the striped bass to shore, it was floating belly up; it had taken me about a half hour to beach my catch. As I looked up I saw the fisherman on the opposite shoreline gesturing and waving his congratulations. The fish weighed only twenty eight pounds but he fought like a much larger fish.

Two more fish joined my first catch of the day within the next forty minutes, and a fourth was lost when he pulled my line across an underwater obstruction. It saddened my heart to lose that one because I truly believed that that bass was the big one that got away.

As the sun rose higher in the bigger bass disappeared. Their little brothers and sisters soon took their places and began to play with the swimming buckeys, just as a kitten would play with a ball of yarn. Each buckey I put on the hook was harassed continually by striped bass not much bigger than it was. Eventually the shock of being pursued and slapped by one bass after another was too much. Each buckey I hooked and tossed out into the water was killed. After going through this routine several times I tired of the game and dumped the remaining buckeys into the pond.

The name buckey is a catch-all term for both herring and alewives. The most basic distinction between a herring and an alewife is this: Herring spend most of their time in the deeper ocean waters and migrate to the shallower offshore waters to spawn whereas alewives, after leaving deeper ocean waters, migrate into rivers and streams to fresh water ponds and lakes for spawning. Based on this, a buckey which is netted in fresh water streams is in actuality an alewife, and not a true herring. This migration to and from fresh water ponds and lakes by way of rivers and streams results in striped bass being constantly on the prowl around inlets, breachways, tidal rips, sand bars, rocky areas and jutting points of land.

Although the effort is demanding, the reward is well worthwhile. To paraphrase a television ad, "try it, you'll like it." Some of the better known places in Little Rhody for getting buckey fever are: The Charlestown Breachway, The Narrow River Inlet, Point Judith Salt Pond and for those who like to fish from a boat, the upper reaches of Narragansett Bay, between and around the numerous islands. I know that you will like it!

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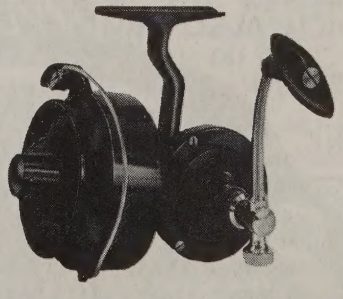

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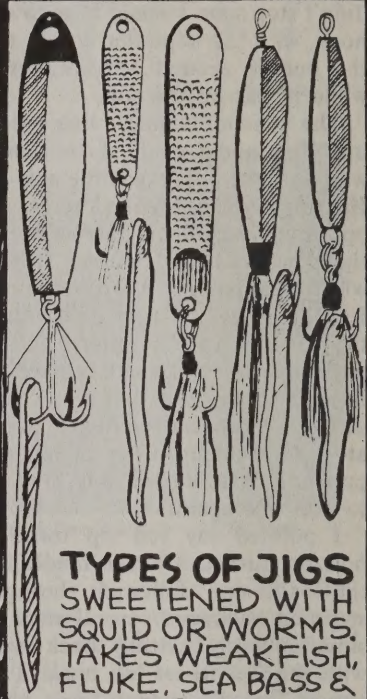

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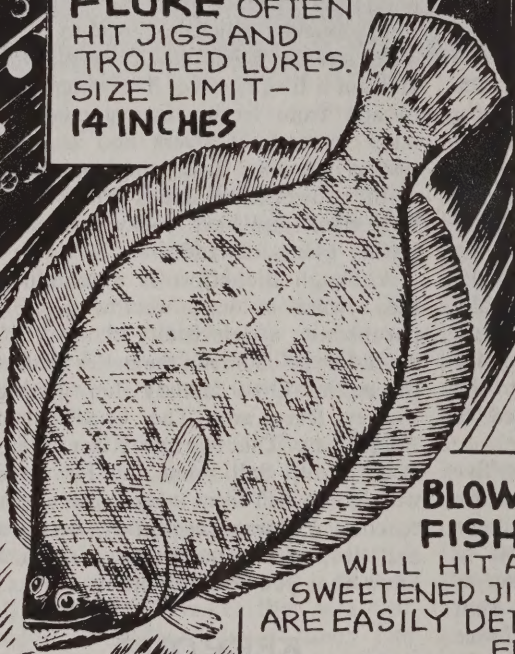

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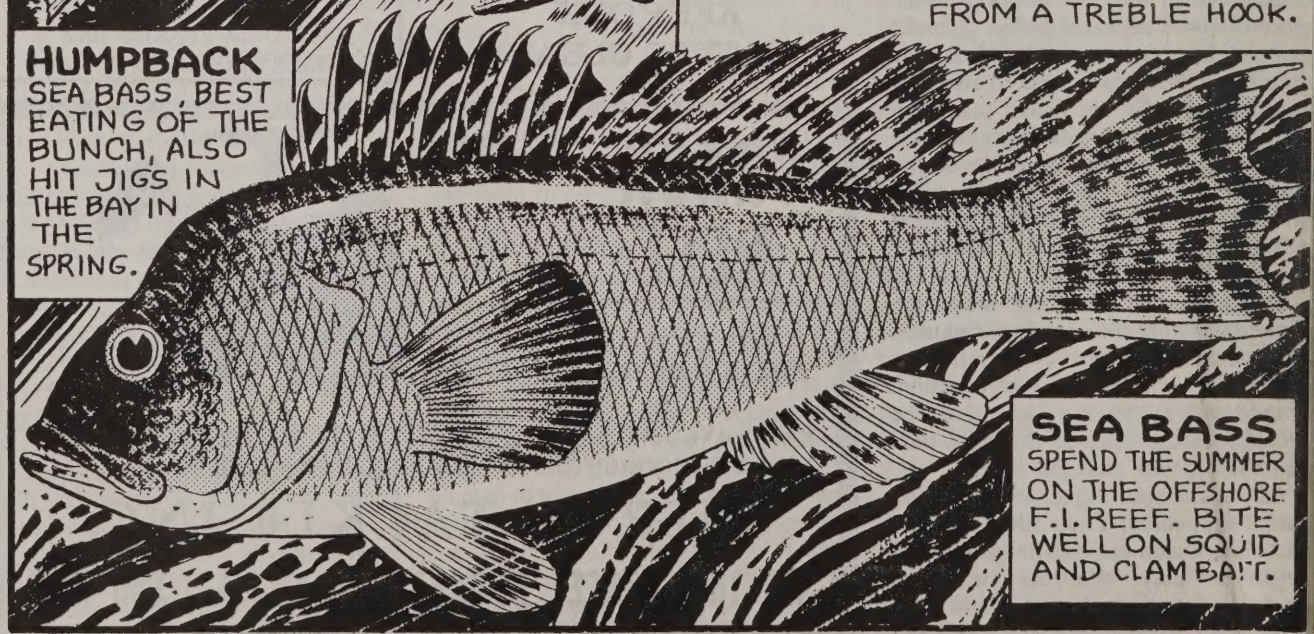

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CATSKILL TROUT FISHING

(PART III: BAITS, LURES AND FLIES) by Leonard S. Baum

Dozens of volumes describe dry, wet, nymph, streamer and "odd" flies by the thousand, spoons, spinners and plugs galore, and almost every natural bait, but you don't need many to consistently catch Esopus trout providing you know when to use what. The spin fisherman has the easiest job. Stick to #0 or #1 Mepps Spinner in brass or silver for all kinds of water, #1 or #2 C.P. Swings in brass for casting upstream in shallow water, and the 1/8 oz. Phoebe (silver or gold) or Wobblerite spoons for really deep pockets or swift runs. These are consistent producers year 'round.

Under cold, early season conditions in April and May, spinning lures should be fished as slowly as possible, scraping the bottom. Also, concentrate on the large, deep pools, or the large pockets in back of large boulders. The fast, white water is for much later in the season. Multiply your catch many fold by casting directly or quartering upstream, then retrieving just fast enough to activate the lure in the following current. This produces more strikes and, especially important with rainbows which shake loose from trebles as often as not, you will hook and land a larger percentage of the strikes.

On some days, rainbows strike spinners on almost every good cast -- I've hooked 50 fish in several hours -- and other days you just can't buy a strike. Some days you can lose 8 or 9 out of every 10 strikes, and your mind at the same time. Razor sharp hooks do help, but those small leaping rainbows just seem to shake loose too often!

If you prefer spin fishing during the prime fly fishing months of May and June, try #0 and #1 Mepps in the pools and deep runs from the Five Arch Bridge down through, and below, Chimney Hole. I know of people who have landed and released more than a dozen fish over 16" in one day fishing like this.

Smaller fish can be taken from all types of water at this time of year. Small spinners are particularly deadly very early in the morning during July and August in the main stream just where fast riffles pick up a little depth at the head of pools. Rainbows often will fight for the spinner.

In late August or September, especially after any rain or if the water is not too low, you can have fabulous sport wading up the tributary streams or the upper Esopus, casting small brass C.P. Swings directly upstream. The size of some of the browns, which predominate in the small streams at this time, will really surprise you. Fish to 18" occasionally appear where there were trickles of water weeks before.

Bait can be limited to minnows, worms, salmon eggs and grasshoppers, all of which can be fished on spin, fly, or spin cast equipment. These baits, except for grasshoppers, produce year round. Hoppers come into their own for large trout in August and September. You must net or otherwise catch them early in the morning before the sun dries their wings: later they're tough to catch.

Use short-shank "salmon egg" hooks or fine or medium wire bait hooks which can be concealed in the bait. Hook live minnows through both lips so they ride naturally in the current. Dead minnows can be rigged in several ways. Try to thread the hook through the lip, in and around the gills, and then through the back. Be sure they do not spin unnaturally. Worms, both earthworms and nightcrawlers, should be hooked lightly, once through the breeding ring or band: sometimes two small earthworms work a little better. Salmon eggs can be fished one or two on the hook and don't think that large rainbows and browns don't see this small offering.

The trick is to present the bait close to a lunker's lie. In late summer, fish grasshoppers on the surface early or late in the day. If you want really good fish, sink the hoppers to the bottom of the deep pools and runs, and better yet, fish grasshoppers at night for large browns.

Avoid split shot on all but the gravel runs as they hang up repeatedly. Instead, use lead wrap-around strips which hang up less and pull free more easily and often. Use just enough lead to bounce the bait off the bottom: enough to get it down but not retard a natural presentation by the current. Only experience will teach you how much is just right.

Flies - well, a book could be written on the Esopus alone: this article won't suffice. An excellent book describing all the important May-flies on the Esopus is Art Flick's "Streamside Guide". Art Flick lives in nearby Westkill, and the book is based on his experiences fishing the Schoharie and Westkill, two streams just 20 minutes away from the Esopus. The fly-life is virtually identical on these streams, except that the cold water on the main stream changes the timing of some hatches. With few exceptions, Flick describes in full-color pictures and words all the mayfly dry fly imitations you will need: the Quill Gordon, Hendrickson, March Brown, Grey Fox, Light Cahill, Cream Variant, Grey Fox Variant and Dun Variant.

Other important dries are the Adams (#10 and 12, excellent in the evening, and #16 -20 good as a general imitation in low, clear water); Hairwing Royal Coachman (#14 popular in the mainstream and #16 and 18 excellent for rainbows in the summer); Female Grannom - a Schweibert pattern (#14 to imitate the bluish brown caddis); Henryville Special (#14 to imitate the

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bluish brown caddis); Henryville Special (#14-18 imitates the prolific tannish caddis); and #20 Black Jassid, #18 Black Ant and Brown Ant for summer "sippers".

This article cannot possibly explain when to fish each of the above patterns or the proper length or diameter leader for you. Both Ernie Schweibert, in "Matching the Hatch", give excellent "hatching calendars" for mayflies. After the mayflies have gone, I've had excellent results with the small Hairwing Royal Coachmans and Adams. Nine or ten foot leaders are plenty. As a general rule use 6x leaders for #20-18 dries, 5x for #18 and 16, 4x for #14 and 3x for #12 and 10. Nymphs require no lighter than 4x.

For nymph patterns I prefer those that imitate the most common flies on this stream; Quill Gordon, Hendrickson and Dun Variant. The first three patterns are described in Ernest Schweibert's "Matching the Hatch". *These are the Iron Nymph, Epeorus Nymph in sizes #12 and 14, both imitations of the Quill Gordon, and the Dark Ephemerella (Hendrickson nymph) in size #12, and also in #14 as an excellent imitation of the Blue Winged Olive so plentiful in June.

Other excellent patterns are the Zug Bug in #12, 10 and 8, and the March Brown nymph in #14-8 as sold by Orvis, Manchester, Vermont, which is very close to an effective stonefly nymph that I tie. A plain but excellent nymph is Frank Wilson's G. I. Joe: size #10-6, 2x long shank, medium brown tail, medium olive wool body and medium brown hackle. Frank often fishes a pair of these, weighted, and hooks many good fish. A fabulous nymph is my own March Brown which really produces around Memorial Day and when there is Isonychia (Dun Variant) activity. It has a brown (orange cast) wool body, ribbed with fine gold wire or tinsel, peacock herl thorax, grayish brown wing case (from Mallard), a tail of brown hackle fibres, and legs simulated by a palmer tie of brown hackle through the peacock herl, trimmed flat on bottom and covered by the wing case.

The Esopus is loaded with these nymphs and this imitation in sizes #12-10 is an excellent producer throughout the season.

I seldom use wet flies anymore except for the American March Brown (#10-12), excellent around Memorial Day (fish my March Brown nymph or wet and an Iron nymph on a dropper until you find which of the two is the killer on that day!!): the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear - sparsely tied in #12 to imitate emerging Quill Gordons, and the Coachman (white wing) in #10 and 12 which for some reason, utterly unknown to me, can be murder in July and August, especially when fished in pocket water with a few twitches.

Excellent streamers include the Black Nosed Dace #4-10, Grey Ghost #6-10, White Marabou #6,8 and in very dirty water the Black Maribou #8.

To get the most fish, and certainly the big fish, unless fish are actively and visually taking nymphs or emerging wets near the surface, you should fish nymphs and wets on the bottom. The failure of fly fishermen to take large trout from the Esopus can be attributed to their failure to fish the bottom. Most of the big fish are in the main stream which usually is somewhat off-color, fast and studded with holes and rocks. The fish are usually looking down for their food except when surface food is abundant; they often don't see flies near the surface, and even in two to three feet of clear swift water. In pockets and riffles in the smaller streams, trout which are not actively and visually feeding will not come off the bottom very often to take a passing fly. As soon as enough weight is added, often as little as 1" of wrap-around lead strip 15" from the fly, the fish will respond. Almost all of my nymphs are weighted and often I fish two nymphs, one on a dropper, to add some weight and to provide a choice in my presentation.

So, if you're interested in plenty of trout and occasional lunkers, try the Esopus. If you are interested in fishing for fun, however, with large browns on flies, wait for the next article on the Beaverkill.

(Next Week, Conclusion: The Action!)

* These patterns are available from Len Codella's Anglers Den, Inc., 5 Wood Avenue, South, Linden, New Jersey 07036.

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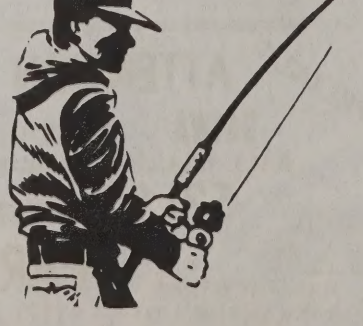

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MACKEREL FOR SPORT

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change the water frequently or they'll die.

When fishing a live mackerel for stripers you either anchor or drift. Hook the mackerel through the back and let it out from the side or stern of the boat. No weight or sinker is usually needed, but if the tide or current is too strong you can add a clincher or light egg sinker a few feet above the bait to get it down deeper.

When using a live mackerel from shore you can cast it out from a pier, bridge, jetty or bank and let it swim around until a striper grabs it. If you add a float a few feet above the mackerel you'll be able to keep it closer to the surface.

The bigger mackerel can be used for big stripers, while the smaller "tinkers" or "spikes" are used for smaller bass. No matter what size is used, give the striper some time to swallow the bait before trying to set the hook.

So head for one of the party boats, or take out your own boat, and take advantage of the spring mackerel run. You'll not only have a lot of sport and fun, but fine eating, too!

South Shore Reports

DICK MERMON

MONTAUK

Good cod, flounder, mackerel and pollack fishing was reported by Tuma's Tackle. Pollack are being jigged with 6-10 oz. diamond jigs or trolled on umbrella rigs. Flounders hit best on bloodworms with clam chum.

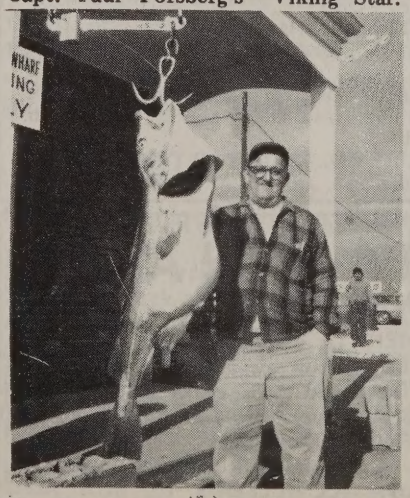
The "Viking Skipper" reported good cod fishing at the Southwest Ledge and to the south of Block Island. High hook for the week was Tom Healey with 73 cod.

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports the fishing on Cox's Ledge continues to be nothing short of fantastic. The fish are plentiful and there are more than enough for all aboard. The pool fish is usually up around the 50 lb. class.

Capt. George Glas of the "Hel-Cat" said the fishing around Block Island is excellent. There are lots of cod and some pollack and snowshoe flounders. The codfish are averaging 10 lbs., with an occasional fish up in the 20's. The pollack are on the small side yet, what Capt. Glas considers the bothersome size, but many others consider good eating size. "The new walk-in refrigerator box on the stern of the "Cat" is working out beautifully," said Capt. Glas. The box is 4 ft. x 10 ft. x 6 ft. high. It keeps the caught fish fresh until the angler is ready to leave. Your claim check assures you of your fish.

Capt. Whitey Bateman, skipper of the "Four Queens," reports there are plenty of cod in the Block Island area. The cod are generally in the 5 to 7 lb. class, with a few biggies running 20 to 30 lbs. The snowshoe flounder fishing is nothing to brag about, but the pollack fishing is beginning to shape up pretty well. Capt. Bateman said he heard of some large pollack being caught in the Pollack Rip. This is a sure sign that the spring run is on. Capt. Bateman is giving away a nice pen and pencil set to the daily high hook.

13 year old Ricky Catalina of New Jersey caught this 44 lb. cod aboard Capt. Paul Forsberg's "Viking Star."



Mike Bush's hungry 53¾ lb. cod had 18 ling, mackerel and crabs in its belly! The big fish was caught aboard the "Peconic Queen II."

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Dan McLane at Bayview Tackle & Bait says the fishing for weaks, mackerel and bass was very good over the weekend. South Ferry is the center of the action, with weaks hitting squid, sandworms and shrimp lures at the ferry and Smith's Cove. Stripers up to 24 lbs. were caught off the ferry slip by Mrs. Vincent Grubb, and others to 25 lbs. by Pete Montaldo trolling wire lined white bucktails. The mackerel are at Cedar Point.

Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr. of the "Capt. Clark II" reported the Gardiner's Bay flounder fishing improved this week. Green Hills, Bostik Bay, the Ruins area, and Tabbacolot are all productive areas. Clams and worms are the best baits for these big flatties. Some 2½ to 3 pounders were taken at Eastern Plains Point.

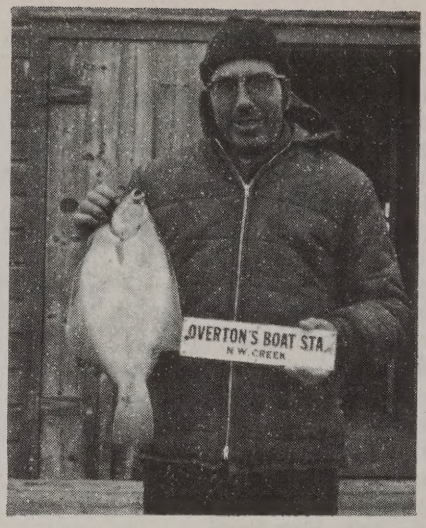
SHINNECOCK

Weakfishing in the canal was off from last week, according to Altenkirch's, but it has picked up in Peconic Bay for surf casters at Cows Beck and boaters using squid and shrimp lures at Nationals, Robbins Island and Roses Grove. Mackerel are knee deep 5-6

miles offshore and flounders are hitting well in Shinnecock.

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr. of the "Capt. Clark I" has now switched to weakfishing in the Peconics. The flounder fishing died and the weaks came on strong, thus the switch. Western Peconic Bay at Robins Island, Cows Neck and Nassau Point are all productive areas. Squid baits are most effective.

Bob Kezly and Bob Paul from New Jersey caught 99 flounder to 1 lb. 6 ozs. in Shinnecock Bay out from Tony's Fishing Station, near the Coast Guard Station.



Ronald Rattiner had 21 flounder to 3 lbs. 5 ozs. at Cedar Point near Overton's Boat Station on May 5th.

HAMPTON BAYS

Jessup's Neck is the spot for mackerel, reported Three Aces Fishing Center. Weakfishing is good in spite of winds making fishing sloppy. Trout Touts in yellow, white or pink are fish catchers, and catches have been in the 2-4 lb. range.

MORICHES

Mrs. Seifert at Silly Lily Fishing Station reported very good flounder fishing off channel at Buoys 36, 38 and 39, with catches averaging 1-1½ lbs. Some weakfishing is available at Buoy 42. Good catches of fluke are starting to come in from Buoys 35 and 36. These fluke weigh 2-4 lbs. Mel Berg had 6 on Saturday. Mussel chumming is still

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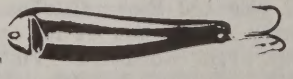

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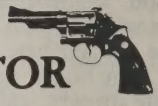

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making the difference with the flounders. Some sea bass were also reported at Buoy 36.

Capt. Ron Schlueter, skipper of the "Alma," reports the fishing on Saturday was excellent in the morning but died in the afternoon. On Sunday it was just the opposite; the action didn't begin until afternoon. The fish are all nice nad fat. Mussel chum along with worm baits is bringing the best results. The best action is at the hole off Great Gun Beach. The hole is actually 42 ft. deep. The flatties are lying on the drop-off of the hole in about 12 to 15 ft. of water. The fish are generally 1 to 1¼ lbs., with the pool fish running up to 2½ lbs. The fishermen are going home with anywhere from 15 to 40 fish each. The waters are infested with sea robins and eels, and weaks are beginning to show.

Chet of B & B Tackle called to say that Ed Grath on the Tub II took a shot at fluke in Moriches Inlet. He was rewarded with eight fish. Six were in the 3-4 lb. range, he threw two back, and dropped a big one right at the boat. He used squid strips and trolled against the tide. Capt. Jim Haney of the Angler took three men - Roger Royalty, Ed Green and Kevin O'zbrien - out for mackerel Saturday. They returned by 9 A.M. with over 400 lbs. of fish. Chester Dennis and Christopher Makowski fished the mouth of Forge River with bloodworms and chummed up 194 flounders. Chet said he had quite a few reports of fluke. Plenty of weakfish of 2½-3 lbs. and some 6-7 pounders in the area.

MASTIC BEACH

Flounders by the bushelful is the report from Keenan's Fishing Station. The best spot is at Buoy 21, where the Chrisi brothers loaded up with 200 flatties from ¾ to over a pound in weight. Weakfish are taking squid and pink Salty Dogs at Buoys #21 and 17.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dennis at the South Bay Fishing Station reported very good weakfishing, many heavy tide runners and a few in the 2-2½ lb. range. The flats off Heckscher Park and the holes at Buoys 4-5 and 28-29 are the spots. Half the catches are on the rubber shrimp lures, the other half on squid strips. Biggest weak was taken by Harvey Saler of Brooklyn, who weighed in his 8½ pounder on Sunday. It was taken on a squid strip off Heckscher. Anthony Noviello caught pails full on Friday and Saturday. First fluke was taken by Bill Amaral. Other fluke were reported hitting on the lower hooked hi-lo rigs. The beat areas for fluke are Buoys 28, 29 and 30.

Fred, Otto and Vito Bezler with a dozen weaks, 3 to 6 lbs., taken between Buoys 28 and 29 from South Bay Fishing Station.

CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin of the "Capt. Litwin" reports the flounder fishing is holding real well. The flatties seem to be hanging in the deeper holes right now. The area of the Fire Island Inlet is best at present. Weakfishing is getting better every day. The waters off Heckscher Park and Ocean Beach are best for weaks. Blackfish are showing at the Robert Moses Bridge and on the artificial wreck.

Fluke, blacks, flounder, weakfish and mackerel are all available from Captree. The "Joseph IV" is concentrating on mackerel while the "Joseph I and II" are doing very well on flounder. Best flounder so far is a 3 pounder caught on the Capt. Joseph. Flounder, blackfish and weakfish are available at Robert Moses and the Captree Overlook Pier on the bay side. One large weakfish of 7 lbs. 15 ozs. was weighed in Monday morning. It was caught from the pier.

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the "Capt. Scotty," reports the mackerel are still plentiful due south of the Fire Island Inlet in 70 to 90 ft. of water. There's really no problem in catching the macks. The problem comes in locating them. It sometimes takes a bit of cruising, but ultimately all come home with 2 to 3 bags of mackerel.

BABYLON

Lots of mackerel out of Fire Island Inlet, reports Joe Giacodelli of

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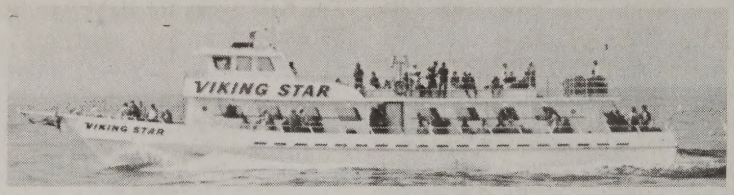

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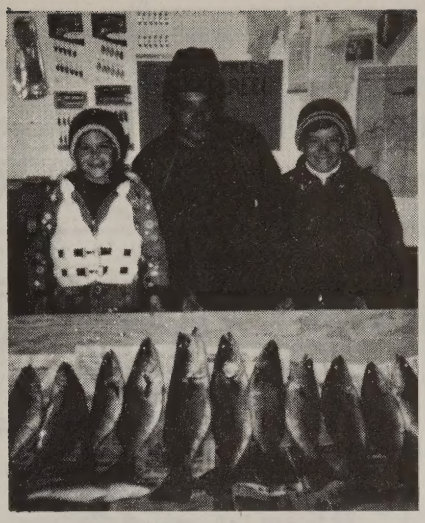
American Sportsman. He and his brothers, Sal and Mario, had 250 macks in 85-90 ft. of water heading 160 degrees out of Fire Island Inlet. Weakfishing is good in the State Channel and at Fox Creek with squid and shrimp tails.

"The name of the game is weakfish," according to Charlie's Fishing Station, where good catches were made by Steve Klos on Saturday with 30 weaks to 7 lbs. and Joe Winik who had six to 5 lbs. The three best spots are the State Channel, Strong's Point and the East-West Channel, says Charlie. Flounder fishing still holds steady.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Tackle Shop reported good weakfishing with catches by Tony Ferraro and his son and daughter, up to 6½ lbs., caught on shrimp tails and squid off Buoy 3 of Heckscher Park. Blackfishing is picking up at Fire Island Inlet as well as fluke fishing. Most fish are in the 1 and 2 lb. range. Cedar Beach still has good sized flatties in the surf on 2/0 bass hooks and sandworms.



Chris, Tony and Peter Ferraro weighed in 12 weakfish at Duke's Tackle Shop. The fish went to 6½ lbs. and they were caught on shrimp tails off Heckscher Park.

AMITYVILLE

Combs Tackle Shop reported Jim McCabe, Al Ubert and Walt Sexton caught 110 weakfish at the East-West Channel at Unqua Point on frozen sand shrimp on Friday ranging from 2-6 lbs. The new Viking Shrimpie is the best lure for the bigger fish. Sandworms on hi-lo rigs are also doing well. Blackfish are hitting fiddlers at the Wantagh Bridges. One early bird used bunker and came up with 20 blue claw crabs.

Sportackular reported good weakfishing at Fox Creek for Marty Gottlein and Mario Lazaro. These anglers had 20 fish to 6 lbs. on pink Salty Dofgs. Bill Thorne clam chummed in the State Channel for five stripers to 5 lbs.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported good flounder fishing all weekend, and regulars like Ken Smelcer had weakfish too. Ken had 12 large flounder and one weakfish of 3 lbs. 12 ozs. Emil Mekales and Mike Selix had 50 keepers and three fluke to 1½ lbs. Some small blackfish are starting to come in on fiddlers and and sandworms.

Lon Wanser's Bait & Tackle reported good weak and flounder fishing, with one striper caught in the State Channel by the Amityville Cut. Bob Marcel and Ken Lanning took 34 weakfish on Monday up to 4½ lbs., with none under 3 lbs., using artificial shrimp lures.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle called in to report blackfish are in solid at the bridges and all rock piles. Pete Mabanto and Kevin Burns came in with a load of blacks up to 5½ lbs. Flounder have moved into the deepre holes only. Many of the flounder fishermen are telling of blue claw crabs already, which means another good year coming up. Some fluke and weakfish are beginning to show in the State Channel. "Bill Marrinan of Bellmore did it again," said Frank Hecker. He caught blackfish, weakfish and mackerel mixed right in the Jones Inlet. How's that for a fisherman who claims he only fishes for bass?

MERRICK

Jimmy Boulukos of Nick's Fishing Station reports there are plenty of flounder around yet, and the weaks are showing stronger each day. Some of the hot spots for these fish are Neds Creek and Broad Creek Channel. Blackfish are in solid at the bridges. Fiddler crabs are best in the bait department. On Sunday morning, schoolie bass invaded the State Channel in the area of the 3rd Wantagh Bridge. Mackerel are still plentiful in our offshore waters. The boats are traveling 3 to 8 miles for the macks.

Joel Gerard, Rich Glickman and John Phillips caught 130 mackerel eight miles southeast of Jones Inlet. Photo by Treasure Island Marina.

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Capt. Al Lindroth of the "Capt. Al" said the macks could not come over the rail any faster than they did this week. Al reported fishing just 15 minutes outside his inlet. Al said simply that fishing for mackerel just could not be better.

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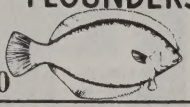

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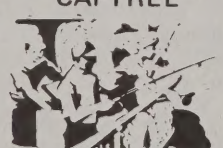

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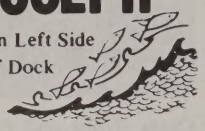

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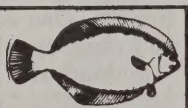

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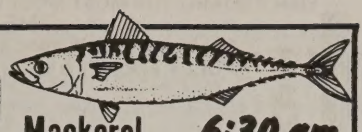
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Capt. Richie Kessinger of the "Star Stream" also loaded up with the mackerel. Richie said the fish were sound closer to shore than last week and had his best action fishing off Lido and Long Beach.

Capt. Bill Mieschberger of the party boat "Capt. Jack VI" said flounder fishing has been good this past week, and reported a substantial increase in the number of fluke being caught.

At the Hudson Point Marina, Bruno Giancontieri said Mike Onufrey had a good catch of nice sized weakfish which were taken in the area of the Meadowbrook Bridge. He was chumming and baiting with fresh shrimp. For the fisherman too lazy to catch his own grass shrimp, Hudson Point Marina has frozen shrimp.

POINT LOOKOUT

Dave Lemke of Ed's Fishing Station said fishermen have been catching a few fluke in Reynolds Channel. Flounders have been biting better than ever, mostly in the area of State Channel. For those interested in blacks, the Meadowbrook Bridge has been the place. Dave reports that most of the weakfish are being caught on the ocean side and are running big.

Tom Keeney of the Long Beach Sports Marina reports a rise in fluke activity during the past week. Bernie Haag of Wyoming Avenue in Long Beach managed seven fluke while fishing at Duck Point. Flounders are being caught off the Long Beach Junior High School. Tom tells me that he has launched some John Dory fiberglass skiffs which will be available for rental. For the fluke enthusiast, killies are now being stocked.

Capt. Art White of the "Angler II" said his fares enjoyed the finest kind of mackerel fishing. The fish were found 15 to 30 minutes off the beach. Capt. White said he feels we should get another week of mackerel fishing.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station said fluke action in the area of Duck Point and Reynolds Channel has picked up. Beginning Wednesday, the Commordore will be sailing daily for fluke. For those still interested in flounder, John reports they can still be caught in Reynolds Channel. The Atlantic Beach Bridge has been yielding nice catches of blackfish. Small stripers are being caught at Garrett Lead Channel, mostly on bucktails.

Beckman's Tackle of Lynbrook said weakfishing inside of Jones Inlet and at Short Beach and Swift Creek has been very good this past week. Anglers fishing outside the inlet between Lido and Atlantic Beach have been catching larger fish on the ocean side. The weaks have been responding to Salty Dogs, squid and sandworms.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Boats fishing out of East Rockaway Inlet and from the Atlantic Beach area are catching a salt water smorgasbord. Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports Warren Sicherman of Atlantic Beach caught 30 flounders, with the largest going 2 lbs. 9½ ozs. His smallest fish weighed 1 lb. Al Odsen and Jerry O'Keefe of Brooklyn filled a garbage pail fishing at Bannister Creek and the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Their catch consisted of eels, flounders and blacks. Bob Closs, fishing with Gerard Closs and Morris Kahn of Far Rockaway caught 49 flounders weighing up to 2½ lbs. They had their best action fishing at Buoys 8 and 10 in the inlet. Leon reports that Mark Weissberg had a nice catch of weakfish off the Atlantic Beach Hotel. Salty Dogs and fresh squid did the job.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

George Gnad of the Bay End Dock reported the big news in the bay is the striped bass that moved in. George said the bass can be caught on the flats outside Gerritsen Creek and also at the mouth of the bay. These fish have been chasing sand eels and they are being caught mostly on bucktails and other artificial lures. Blacks can be caught at the jetty and also at the Marine Bridge. Flounders are being caught just inside the Rockaway Inlet Jetty.

Capt. Rocky Becker of the "Tampa IV" used the word slaughter to describe the mackerel fishing. Rocky said the fish moved in close to shore and he had the best fishing between Ambrose Tower and the jetty. When the macks depart, the Tampa IV will begin offshore tilefishing. Capt. Rocky said it is advisable that reservations be made.

Mike's Tackle Shop reports boats fishing local wrecks and the Tin Can Grounds have had good catches of blackfish. Party boats fishing offshore continue to murder the mackerel. Mike knew of one fisherman who was fishing for striped bass in Dead Horse Creek. He did not catch any bass but was surprised at some nice sized weakfish which he landed.

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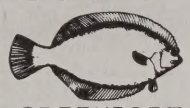

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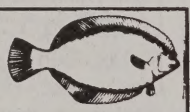

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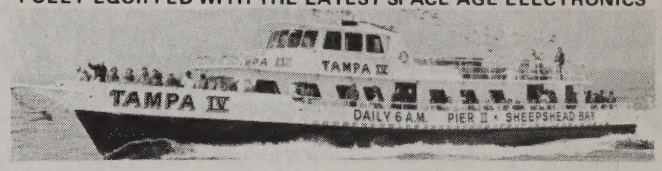

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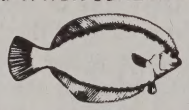

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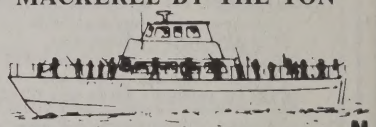

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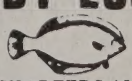

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop said bass fishing slowed this past week. He attributed the decline in fishing to the dirty water in the harbor. Despite the picky striper action, some fishermen managed a few bass. John Mester, fishing in Great Kills Harbor, caught a bass of 5 lbs. while Richie Castellano, using a Kastmaster lure, landed two bass up to 4 lbs. Bob Hart had two fish up to 4 lbs. fishing at Annadale. The bass fell for worms. Lenny said fishermen interested in eels and tommy cod can catch all they want fishing on the Staten Island side of the bridge, north to the ferry docks.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Julian's reported an upswing in the bass fishing at the Highlands Bridge, with sandworms and yellow bugs (bucktails) taking most of the catches. Flounder fishing is slowing down but catches are now at their largest for the season.

MONMOUTH BEACH

The Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers are full of fish, is the enthusiastic report from Monmouth Bait & Tackle. Bluefish up to 2 lbs., bass to 11, and weaks to 5 lbs. are walloping 4½" Redfins and bucktails. On the beach, blues are spotty, but stripers and blackfish are available for sandworm tossers. Good catches were brought to the shop by Willie Frezza, with many bass and a few blues all last week. Steve Dzuiba and Paul Siciliano had 18 bass, and Bucky West had a load of bass and a nice weakfish of 5 lbs. The Shrewsbury Rocks are giving up pollack, mackerel, bass and weaks. Bart D'Averso had so many fish that he almost swamped his little boat.

LONG BRANCH

Daytime fishing is improving at the Long Branch Pier with the coming of the mackerel, and even a few fluke are showing in the catches. Night fishing is good for whiting and ling with mackerel strips.

NORMANDY BEACH

Blackfish and stripers ate hitting clams and sandworms in the surf in this area, according to the Bait N' Tackle Shop. One 7½ lb. blackfish is the best of the weigh-ins in this area for the week. Blues are starting to show along the surf, and flounder fishing is still good along the bridges in the bay.

ISLAND BEACH

Bigger stripers are coming into Judy & Bill's Tackle Shop, with the best of the last week a fine 29 pounder by Pat Moss fishing in the State Park with mackerel strips. Also on mackerel are Phil Contino's 13 pounder and Freddie Turnquist's bass of 7½ lbs. In Barnegat Bay, Mike Steer had a few bass up to 2½ lbs.

LONG BEACH ISLAND

The fishing is shaping up around Long Beach Island says Vince Goddard of the Fisherman's Headquarters. In the bay, summer flounder (fluke) are beginning to be caught on squid strips, and weakfish in the 4-5 lb. class are also hitting squid. In the surf are kings, bluefish, weakfish and some stripers. Best striper of the week was a 25 pounder on cut mackerel. Mackerel themselves have moved out to Barnegat Ridge with the showing of the bluefish.

North Shore Reports

GREENPORT

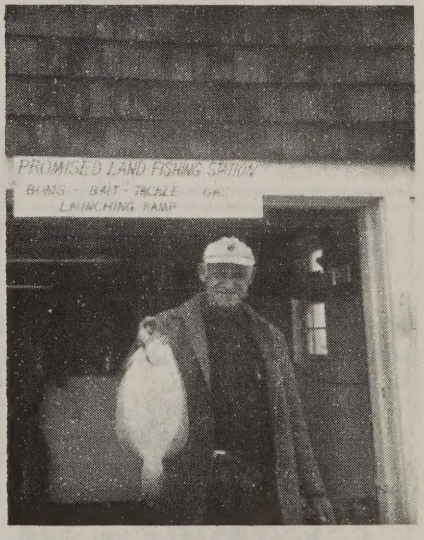
The A.P. White Bait Shop reported excellent weakfishing on Saturday. One charter boat in the area returned with 89 weakfish, the largest one caught by William Gold, 8 lbs. 11 ozs. Average fish go 3-6 lbs., with quite a few 7 and 8 pounders mixed in. Plenty of mackerel around, too. Blackfish are being taken in the Sound wherever there are rocks. The weakfish are being taken right offshore on the drift from Orient State Park to Gardiner's Island at Bostwick and between White Hill and Cedar Beach.

Dave Green of the "Pooka III" said he had to work for a fair catch of flounder on Saturday. He fished behind Orient Point on the Sound side. Largest fish on Saturday went 2½ lbs., with the average fish for the day going 1¼ lbs. Winner of last week's "largest flounder caught aboard the Pooka III contest" was Gus Kousek of the Bronx, who boated a 3 lb. 9 oz. flounder.

JAMESPORT

Warren Staib of the Jamesport Tackle Shop called in to tell us the weakfishing really broke loose this past weekend. Some boats returned with 50 to 70 weaks on board. The largest weakfish Warren saw over the weekend was a 7 pounder. The tout lures or bucktails with a piece of squid attached did the job.

John Bettica with a pair of fine weakfish to 7½ lbs., caught on squid at Reydon Shores.



The Promised Land Fishing Station is proud of Ev Elliott's 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder caught on May 10th, the largest to be weighed in in two seasons!

SOUTHOLD

"Tremendous weakfish, 6-7 lbs.," reported Stan Christie of Southold Fishing Station. Worms and squid fished off the bottom are producing at Jessups and the Middle Grounds. Mackerel are all over the bay. Porgies are in good at the Middle Grounds and they're taking clams. Blackfish are in the traps, but fishermen have been

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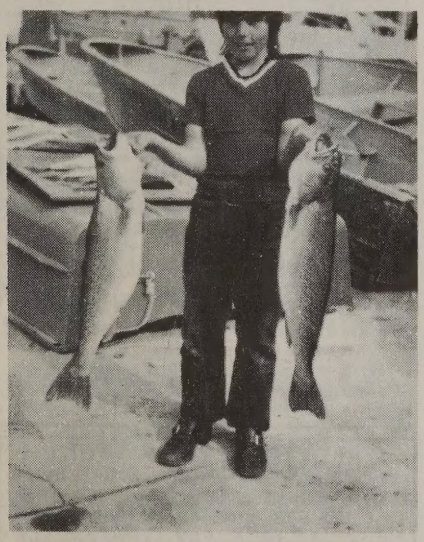
Very good weakfishing, reports the Port of Egypt Fishing Station. Bill Gugliotta and friends had 102 weakfish up to 7 lbs. 6 ozs., all on drifted squid. Leroy Lucas, a POE star customer, had a mess of weakfish and 39 porgies, the largest going 3 lbs. Large weaks are in Noyac Bay from Buoy 12 down to 17 and on the west side of Jessups. Buoy 18 at the Middle Grounds is the spot for porgies. Still very good flounders east of Greenport from Long Beach to Orient Point. Weaks are being taken on a hi-lo rig while drifting.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported, "all fishing is very good." Joe Prevratil and his son, Kevin, and Pete Licata of Queens, took a boat out and landed 105 weaks up to 7 lbs. They fished the area west of Buoy 25.



Joe and Robert Moret weighed in 14 weakfish at Capt. Marty's from 4 to 7¾ lbs., caught south of Buoy 23.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

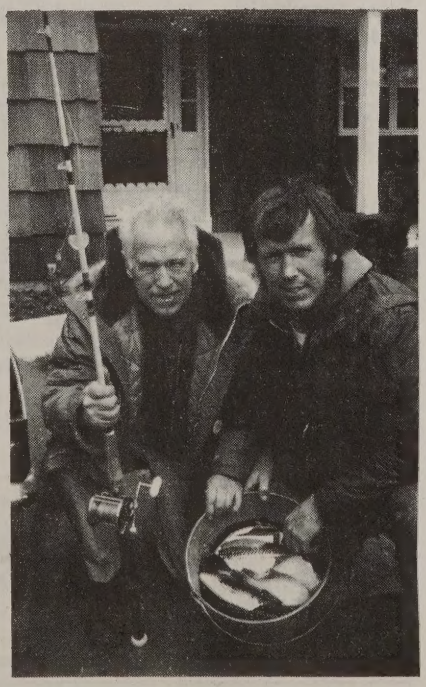
Ralph's Fishing Station reports mackerel can be caught just about everywhere. Flounder fishing remains fair to good. Ralph said the blackfishing has been excellent anywhere between Mt. Misery and Rocky Point. A handful of porgies were also caught this week in the area of the lobster pots in about 40 ft. of water.

PORT JEFFERSON

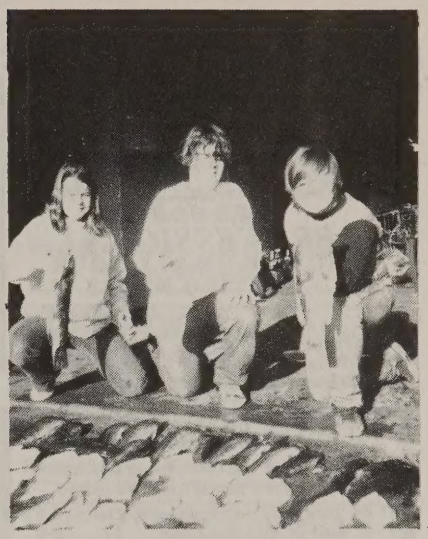
Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reported excellent flounder fishing in the waters off Shoreham. The average 2 lb. flatties are lying in water 30 to 35 ft. deep off the "Tree Cut," west of Herrods Point. The Shoreham breakwaters are also producing. Mussel chum is a must. Blackfishing is now coming on strong. A 4 lb. black took the pool on Saturday. There are still plenty of mackerel at Mt. Misery Shoals, Buoy 11. A couple of weaks are beginning to show.

Dick's Sporting Goods reported "terrific" fishing over the weekend. Blackfish up to 12 lbs., averaging 6½-7 lbs., are being caught right off the beach up and down Miller Place. Nice sized flounders are in the Sound, and more macks than anyone could possibly want. A local fisherman known as "Papa Bear" was fishing for mackerel with a yellow bucktail. He had a little reel trouble, the bucktail sank, the reel was fixed, he reeled in, and . . . one 7½ lb. weak to add to his catch. Another local, Duke, landed a 31 lb. striper on a 5½" Rebel from a boat. Some porgies are beginning to show. Best all around bait for all is the sandworm on a hi-lo rig.

Bill Littlefield of the "Jib III" took members of the Roslyn Fire Department on a charter and they loaded up on macks at Mt. Misery Shoal in the Port Jeff area. Flounder are still very good for this late in the year. Bill said he still had a few June dates open, so give him a call.



Ray and Jim Ebbrecht fished out of Mt. Sinai and caught a mixed bag of flounder and mackerel near Can 11.



Mussel chum and worms worked for Don Urbanski, his daughter Dawn, son Tom, and friend Jim Geoghegan off Smithtown Bay at Buoy 19 on blackfish and flounders.

NORTHPORT

Ted Bowman of Bowman's Sporting Goods said mackerel have moved inside the bay and can now be caught in good quantity both in the bay and outside. Striper action has been mostly outside with fish being taken on worms and artificial lures. Blackfish can be caught just about anywhere there is rocky bottom. On Friday, Frank Gagliano landed a black of 8¼ lbs. He also had 25 flounders.

GLEN COVE

John of Glen Cove Sports Shop reports mackerel are right off the beaches and are there for casters on small diamond jigs or any small shiny tin. The productive beaches are Crescent, Mattinicock Point, Prybil and Tappan. Artificial shrimps and small Rebels are taking only schoolie bass (please return same). Flounder fishing is off and blackfish are spotty in the Glen Cove shoreline area.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Park Fishing Station reports that there are plenty of mackerel right out in front of his station. There are bass (shorts mostly) on Centre Island Reef and also blackfish off Centre Island Reef off Bayville Hospital. Fiddler and green crabs are getting the blacks. Weaks can be taken at Whitewood on plastic shrimps. (Please return those short bass to the water.)

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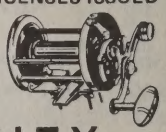

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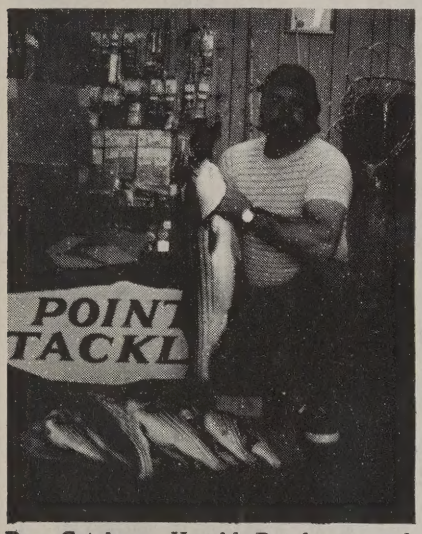
CITY ISLAND

Rod of Jack's Bait & Tackle says there are mackerel by the ton to be taken on trees with diamond jigs. Blackfish are there by the half ton, taken mostly on fiddler crabs and some on clams. There are a few short bass around, however, most of the anglers are after the macks and the blackfish. There are loads of bunker in the Sound - can the blues be far behind?



Dan Catalano, Harold Dreckman and Tom DeFlippo cast Rebels, poppers and shrimp tails, taking 21 bass off Rye, N.Y. to 14½ lbs.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

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WESTCHESTER

Blackfish are thick in Mamaroneck waters and throughout Westchester. Fred Archer at Mamaronneck Fishing Station reports the early run of blacks more than makes up for the stripers showing a slow start. Mackerel are still on a hit and miss basis, being near the Mamaroneck shoreline one day, and out in mid-Sound the next.

In New Rochelle, the report from Camerons shows a heavier concentration of mackerel there. The Huckleberry area is a hotspot, with catches of 250 Bostons in a day not a rarity. Blacks get better by the day, and flounder continue to be just fantastic.

Dan Catalano had just returned from a morning of bass fishing with Harold Dreckman and Tom DeFillipo when I called Point Tackle in Rye. They found the stripers hungry and hitting outside Milton Harbor between Cove and Mamaroneck, and collected 20 respectable linesiders on amber Creek Chub poppers and red-eye, black-back Rebels. The first pair of weakfish were brought into the shop yesterday, and weighed in at 1½ and 2½ lbs. Tom Re tops the trout fishermen this week with his catch of a 5½ pound brown and a 2½ lb. brookie all in the same day from Cross River. He took them on a night crawler, and a small artificial worm.

GREENWICH

Trout came into the conversation during many of my calls this week, and Russ Van Wynen at the Sportsman's Den in Cos Cob was no exception. His subject was a pair of "goldens," both scaling over 2 pounds, taken from the Mianus River. Bill Wright was one of the anglers and he took his on an ultra-light Fenwick flea rod and his own hand-tied creation, and Joe Santora was the other happy angler. On the salt water scene, mackerel are prolific, with catches of from 70 to 100 fish per man common. Lots of school bass both in and out of the Cove, and blacks are everywhere.

STAMFORD

Cove Pond is opening up for bass, and one of the first repsectable catches was a fish weighing close to 7 pounds, taken by Jim Dawes on a yellow bucktail. Lots of 1 to 2 pound flounder still hitting here, and blackfish are hitting very well. Mackerel are everywhere. 400 of those golden trout were supposedly stocked in the Rippowam River, but Barber Cyrus is plenty happy with his 1 lb. 14 oz. brownie that he took on a Mepps spinner.

Chris at Pat's Marina reports her rentals are coming in with mackerel aplenty. A New Jersey group, John Gregg, John Elwood and John Palontens jigged up over 200 in a day. Blacks and flounder are still being taken. Richard Krieger started the Stamford striper season with three schoolies, trolled up with worms.

ROWAYTON

Bert Van Sciver and I always talk trout when I call the Bait Shop. First he told me about some goldens in the Mianus, then added that the Housatonic near Cornwall was stocked again on Wednesday. After exhausting the trout possibilities, we got around to some salt water fishing. Bert told of Guy Wetmore and his wife, who have been wallopping great big flounders in Smithtown Bay. School bass are hitting pretty well at Cove Pond, which divides Darien and Stamford, offering good fishing to residents of both communities.

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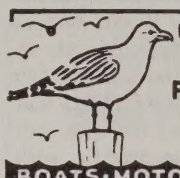

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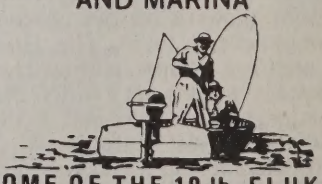

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Rita Utz at Four Winds Bait & Tackle loves to talk about trophy fish, but this week was almost as excited over the mackerel, school bass, flounder and blacks being taken in Norwalk waters. Calf Pasture Pier continues to produce many bass for flounder fishermen there. Flats are bigger than ever.

At Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle, Rick Mola told of Paul Restucci's 12 pounder, taken on a worm in the islands. Walt June, Tom Carbone and Rick teamed up to catch 14 linesiders, ten of which went between 7 and 12 pounds, on worms, Rebels and Spinatoms.

WESTPORT

At the Westport Tackle Shop, mackerel and stripers enter every conversation of the day. Mackerel have been feeding along the beaches, much to the delight of Westport fishermen. "Big Al" took 15 Bostons from the surf at Compo in a morning, and Hank Barrelle also scored with a few. Bass are right in there too. They may be schoolies, but catches of 12 fish at Compo, and 16 at Burial Hill can't go unnoticed. Bill Kenan hit the fish at Burial Hill. Mac McElwee and Bob Giunta have been doing well in the Norwalk Islands. While they were maintaining a nightly average of 8 to 10 fish, last weekend bells rang and it was jackpot time with 28 fish up to 16 lbs. Mac caught his first tagged fish which was among them. Ed Boland advises that flounder are insane in the Russian Beach area of Milford.

Other big scorers on mackerel were George Hanna and Charles Smith who filled a 20 gallon pail, and Jim Hunter who recorded 150 torpedoes in a morning's fishing.

BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait talked about the dense school of mackerel south of Penfield Light, with everybody loading the boats. Larry Philo chalked up an excellent mixed bag of 7 blackfish to 6¾ lbs., and 40 nice flounder, fishing between Charles Island and the Housatonic breakwater. Bass are thick in the Bridgeport Harbor area, but word of heavy poaching of short bass has reached these ears, and we hope there'll be some arrests by the time this makes print.

Stowie at the Sportsmen's Den tells of Skip Blackman who came in with a catch of over 50 fish averaging 1 to 2 lbs. Skip hit the mackerel at the dumping grounds in only a morning's fishing. Other Fayerweather fishermen stayed out all day, and filled the boats.

On the fresh water side, Dave Farrington, who operates Dave's Taxidermy in Fairfield catches his own trophy mounts. He took a 4 lb. brown from the Pootatuck River, and I imagine he'll have it mounted. A 3 lb. trout, stocked by the Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Club in their pre-season stocking, was taken by Neil Kollar. It was a tagged fish, and had undergone a remarkable color change, in addition to gaining a half pound. There are well-fed fish in the Cornwall area of the Hoosy.

Joe Syl, Cosmo Bruno and Jerry Gluhanich (J & S Lures) collected a hundred mackerel in the dumping grounds south of Penfield Light. Joe Saia and Mike Moore collected 77 Bostons southeast of Penfield. Ted Ferrante of Ted's Bait & Tackle passes on the message from Bob Costu, "The blues will be in the Sound before Memorial Day." (I'll buy that!)

STRATFORD

Mackerel shared the billing with blacks and flounder in this week's report from the Housatonic Marina. Don Buddy of Trumbull took 81 mackerel at Penfield. Mr. Matuszewski of Ansonia tallied fifty flounder off the Gun Club. Mark LaBanca of Hawthorne, N.Y. collected 90 flats, and Alex Morawski totaled 200 flounder to fill his freezer. Bridgeporter, Rafael Canales came in with the mixed bag: a pair of blacks, 12 mackerel, and between 25 and thirty flounder came from the mouth of the Housatonic River. John Fitzpatrick of Shelton took 100 flounder. That's some fishing!

NEW HAVEN

Stripers are hitting the beaches at Savin Rock, Ames Point and in Milford. So reports Walt Janeczek at Outdoor Sports. Blacks are hitting at Milford and at West Haven, and for now at least, they're feeding well on sandworms. Blacks are big, averaging upwards of four pounds. Mackerel are scarce in New Haven waters, but thick to either side. Paul Kollenback traveled to Clinton to try out his new Mako, and collected 39 beauties between supper-time and dark. Stripers are hitting both sandworms and small Kastmasters.

STONINGTON

Blacks, mackerel and cod tell the Stonington story this week. Mackerel are thick around Watch Hill from the black can to the hooter. Cod are fair at the Pink House and Watch Hill. They're small but plentiful at Block Island. First bass were taken by Bill and

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WATERFORD

We stopped up and said hello to Walt Hillyer during the week. It was a pleasant afternoon. Walt advises that flounder are moving out into Niantic Bay, and are around Buoy 4 off the powere plant. Blacks are hitting in the river and around the shoreline. Mackerel have really moved in, and are averaging around 2 lbs. Wilderness Point is the hotspot. Cod are being taken at Black Point, Bartlett Reef, and Wilderness. Bass are in the river and on the move. There's even a small population of shad in the river, with a few fish co ming in each year. Big bass are due by the first of June. Hotspots at that time are the sluiceway between Race Rock and Race Point. Fish-catchers year after year are the Gibbs swimmers, the No-Alibis, and live eels. The method is deep trolling. Hillyer's is a great place to stop whenever you're in the Niantic-Waterford area.

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This looks like a year of many surprises. Then again, the way it's beginning, nothing should surprise us.

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WAPPINGERS FALLS

Al Brenenstoul of the B & M Bait Shop reported some great bluegill and crappie fishing at Wappingers Lake during the last week. Fish are ranging up to 1¼ lbs. and are taken on live shiners. Ed Man and Ezzer Johnson had over 100, and Roger Capanno had 23 crappies. Stripers are hitting along the River at Cornwall, Bannermans Island and Roa Hook.

VERPLANCK

Fishing has been good, according to Charlie White of Ace & Charlie's Tackle. The Oyster Beds have produced bass to 21 lbs. but have slowed during the last few days. Sandy, a nurse at the FDR Hospital knows where the bass hids and took a 15 pounder at Oscawanna Beach.

CROTON POINT

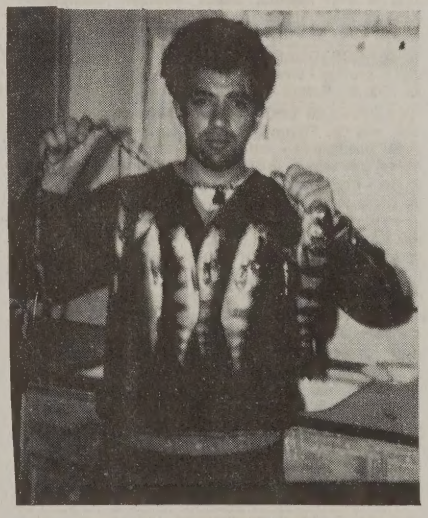
Bruce Knapp had the largest bass of the week from Croton Bay, a 19½ pounder which towed George and his kayak all through the bay!! Another good catch was reported to The Croton Bait Shop, caught by Billy Johnson from the Roa Hook above Peekskill weighing 13½ lbs. Richie Ferris tried the lower Croton River where it emptied into the bays and was satisfied with a 5½ pounder on a swimming plug.

OSSINING

Mike Girvalo was again at the helm of Tony's Bait & Tackle and reported some excellent catches by Jeff Parthemor up to 7 lbs. trolling bucktails, George Berkhart and Charlie Mealing with stripers to 6 lbs., and George Carpenter with a 6 lb. 13 ouncer. Trolling off Crawbuckie Beach and around Bishops Rock works well for river bass using yellow bucktails and swimming plugs.

FORT LEE

Catfish, tommy cod and perch are easy catches along the Interstate Park, and some stripers are mixed in. Ronnie Ingold reported surface feeding bass just above the bridge abutment at the Englewood Cliffs, and some small stripers have been reported to Ed Graser at the Outdoorsman Ltd. Better striper fishing is available at Piermont with rubber worms. One local has been taking bass to 8 lbs. on the outgoing tide.



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SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	8:37	8:55
Fri.	9:16	9:31
Sat.	9:55	10:09
Sun.	10:34	10:46
Mon.	11:15	11:25
Tues.	. . . .	12:01
Wed.	12:01	12:49
Thurs.	12:59	1:37

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	÷0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	÷0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	÷0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	÷0	38
Coast Guard Station	÷0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	÷0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	÷0	12

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NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	10:21	10:28
Fri.	11:00	11:04
Sat.	11:42	11:43
Sun.	. . . .	12:24
Mon.	12:22	1:09
Tues.	1:04	1:57
Wed.	1:51	2:45
Thurs.	2:46	3:36

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	÷0	14
Fort Pond Bay	÷0	29
Montauk Inlet	÷0	25
Montauk Point	÷1	13

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:00	**11:35**	5:30	**11:55**
Fri.	5:45	. . .	6:15	**12:30**
Sat.	6:40	**12:55**	7:10	**1:25**
Sun.	7:40	**1:50**	8:00	**2:15**
Mon.	8:30	**2:45**	8:55	**3:10**
Tues.	9:25	**3:35**	9:45	**4:00**
Wed.	10:15	**4:25**	10:35	**4:45**
Thurs.	11:00	**5:15**	11:25	**5:35**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	. . . .	12:45
Fri.	12:35	1:08
Sat.	12:55	1:24
Sun.	1:24	1:53
Mon.	2:01	2:31
Tues.	2:42	3:14
Wed.	3:29	4:01
Thurs.	4:18	4:52

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	÷0	10
Execution Light	÷0	06
Manhasset Bay	÷0	01
Hempstead Harbor	÷0	11
City Island	÷0	03
Rye Beach	÷0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	. . . .	12:17
Fri.	12:25	12:56
Sat.	1:03	1:36
Sun.	1:43	2:16
Mon.	2:26	2:59
Tues.	3:11	3:45
Wed.	3:58	4:34
Thurs.	4:49	5:23

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	÷0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	÷0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	÷0	07
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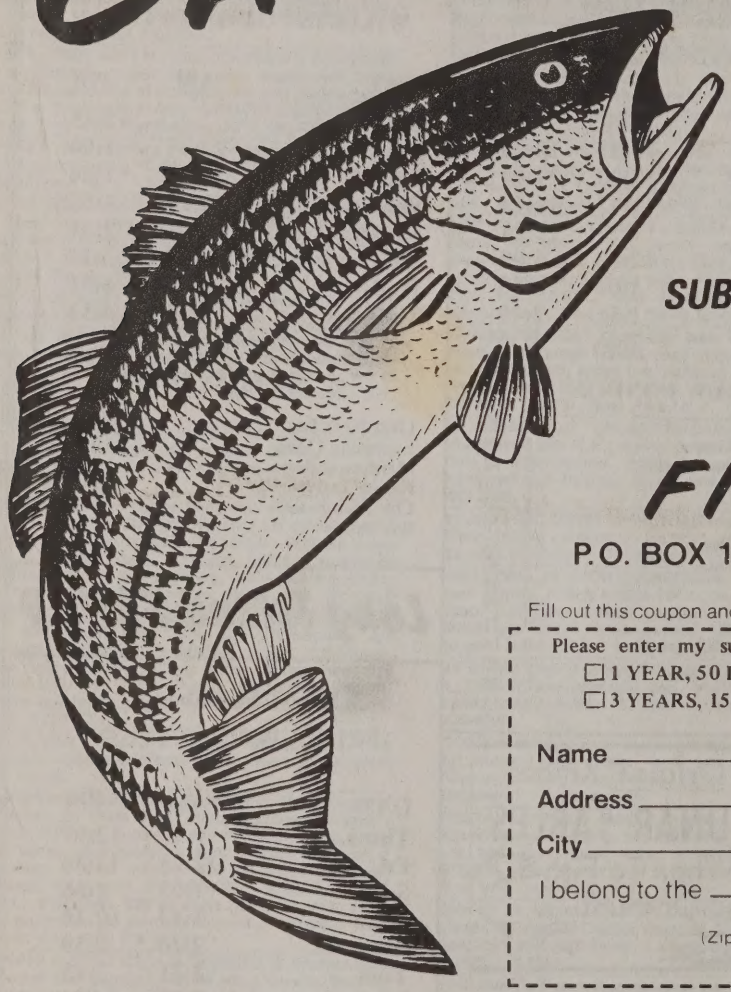

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